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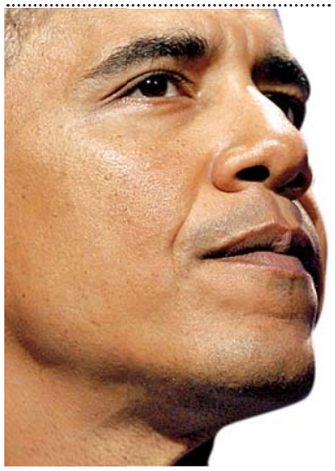

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Police Officers Sad to Not Score Three Wishes

A man leaping between cars in a Boulder, Colo., supermarket parking lot was easy to describe to police. Witnesses on Wednesday reported that a man dressed as a leprechaun was pretending to shoot at people with his fingers. Officers who came to the scene did not find the suspect. Boulder police say this is the first time they've received a complaint about a leprechaun. **(AP)**

"I felt like they were crawling all over me, because it only takes one maggot to upset your world."

— **DONNA ADAMO,** WHO WAS ON A US AIRWAYS FLIGHT WHEN MAGGOTS BEGAN DROPPING FROM SPOILED MEAT IN THE OVERHEAD COMPARTMENT. THE TAXIING PLANE TURNED BACK.

Covering a Problem Instead of Solving It Is Always Wise

New York City used perfume to deal with a putrid odor filling a park in Queens. On Wednesday, the Department of Environmental Protection used "odor-counteracting machines" with a citrus-scented spray to perfume the park. The stink is presumed to have come from a nearby wastewater treatment plant. **(AP)**

The Big Picture

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WHAT'S SAID to be the world's biggest ball pit was completed outside London's City Hall on Thursday. Containing 15,000 soccer balls, the pit was created as a publicity stunt by BT — a cable and Internet service provider — to promote two newly available sports channels

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Jobless Aid Is in Limbo For Millions

Washington

More than 1.3 million laid-off workers won't get their unemployment benefits reinstated before Congress goes on a weeklong break for Independence Day, and hundreds of thousands more will lose their benefits in the coming weeks.

The House voted 270-153 Thursday to extend jobless benefits for people who have been laid off for long stretches, but the gesture was made futile by the Senate's inability to pass the bill. For the third time in as many weeks, Republicans in the Senate successfully filibustered a similar measure Wednesday night before senators adjourned for vacation.

A little more than 1.3 million people have already lost benefits since the last extension ran out at the end of May, according to the Labor Department. By the end of the week, the number will jump to 1.7 million. By the end of July, it would top 3 million. **(AP)**

Holiday Schedule

Express will not publish on Monday in observance of the July Fourth holiday. Publishing will resume Tuesday.

Obama Starts Immigration Push

President tries to pin blame on GOP for delays in legislation

Washington

Hoping to breathe new life into the stalled immigration effort, President Obama on Thursday blamed the delay on recalcitrant Republicans who he said had given in to the "pressures of partisanship and election-year politics."

Republicans responded that Obama's first step going forward must be to secure the border.

In his first immigration speech, Obama took Republicans to task, in particular 11 GOP senators who had backed attempts during the previous Republican administration to tighten the immigration system. He did not call out anyone by name.

SAUL LOEB/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

President Obama called for immigration reform Thursday at American University.

Obama dismissed the focus on a "border security first" approach, saying the system is too big to be fixed "only with fences and border patrols." He advocated a comprehensive approach that would call on the government, businesses and illegal immigrants themselves to live up to their responsibilities within the law.

Obama also wants to create a pathway to citizenship for the estimated 11 million illegal immigrants in the U.S.; critics call it amnesty. But Obama said the immigrants must first acknowledge that they broke the law; pay fines and back taxes; perform community service ;and learn English.

Without setting a timeline, Obama questioned whether the political will exists to get a bill through Congress.

"Reform that brings accountability to our immigration system cannot pass without Republican votes," he said. "That is the political and mathematical reality."

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said Obama would get the bipartisan support he wants "if he would take amnesty off the table and make a real commitment to border and interior security." **DARLENE SUPERVILLE (AP)**

Chicago Mayor Lays Out New Gun Rules in Wake of Court Ruling

Chicago

With the city's gun ban certain to be overturned, Mayor Richard Daley on Thursday introduced what city officials say is the strictest handgun ordinance in the United States.

The measure, which draws from ordinances across the country, would ban gun shops in Chicago and prohibit gun owners from stepping outside their homes, even onto their porches or into their garages, with a handgun.

Daley announced his ordinance at a park on the city's South Side three days after the Supreme Court ruled that Americans have a right to own a gun for self-defense anywhere they live. The City Council is expected to vote on it Friday.

M. SPENCER GREEN/AP

Chicago Mayor Richard Daley says he will continue to fight gun violence.

"As long as I'm mayor, we will never give up or give in to gun violence that continues to threaten every part of our nation, including Chicago," Daley said. **(AP)**

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The High Cost of Success

About $260M worth of swine flu vaccine will soon be dumped

Atlanta

About a quarter of the swine flu vaccine produced for the U.S. public has expired — meaning that a whopping 40 million doses worth about $260 million are being written off as trash.

"It's a lot, by historical standards," said Jerry Weir, who oversees vaccine research and review for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

The outdated vaccine, some of which expired Wednesday, will be incinerated. The amount, as much as four times the usual leftover seasonal flu vaccine, likely sets a record. And that's not even all of it.

About 30 million more doses will expire later and may go unused, according to one government estimate. If all that vaccine expires, more than 43 percent of the supply for the U.S. public will have gone to waste.

MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP FILE

Forty million doses of swine flu vaccine expired on Wednesday and will be destroyed.

Federal officials defended the huge purchase as a necessary risk in the face of a never-before-seen virus. Many health experts had feared the new flu could be the deadly epidemic they had long warned about, but it ended up killing fewer people than seasonal flu.

"Although there were many doses of vaccine that went unused, it was much more appropriate to have been prepared for the worst-case scenario than to have had too few doses," said Bill Hall, spokesman for U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Most leading health experts generally agree with that assessment.

Millions of doses of flu vaccine typically go unused every year and are marked for burning, but in recent years the leftovers amounted to closer to 10 percent of the supply, rather than the 25 percent expiring now. **MIKE STOBBE (AP)**

Police Reopen Probe of Gore Harassment Claim

Portland, Ore.

Former vice president Al Gore welcomes a Portland police decision to reopen an investigation into a massage therapist's allegations that he groped her at a hotel four years ago, his spokeswoman said.

Kalee Kreider said that Gore "unequivocally and emphatically" denied making unwanted sexual advances. She added that "further investigation into this matter will only benefit Mr. Gore."

RICK SCUTERI/AP FILE

Al Gore and his wife, Tipper, announced on June 1 that they are separating.

Portland police did not say why it was reopening the investigation in its brief statement Wednesday.

Police earlier said they considered the case closed because there was no evidence.

The woman alleges Gore made unwanted sexual advances during a massage appointment on Oct. 24, 2006, at the downtown Hotel Lucia, where Gore was reportedly registered as "Mr. Stone." Gore was in Portland to deliver a speech on climate change. **NIGEL DUARA (AP)**

INFAMY

It's official: BP's massive oil spill is the largest ever in the Gulf of Mexico, based on government estimates. The oil that's spewed for two and a half months from a blown-out well a mile under the sea hit the 140.6 million gallon mark Tuesday, eclipsing the record-setting, 140-million-gallon Ixtoc I spill off Mexico's coast from 1979 to 1980. The growing total is crucial to track, in part because London-based BP PLC is likely to be fined per gallon spilled. **(AP)**

World

In Brief

KABUL AFGHANISTAN

Key Taliban Figure Captured in Gunbattle

U.S. and Afghan troops seized a key Taliban figure after a four-hour gunbattle — part of a strategy that NATO officials said Thursday had eliminated more than 100 insurgent leaders in the past four months. As the fighting rages on, the Afghan government is poised to offer economic incentives to lure low-level foot soldiers off the battlefield in a move to pressure the Taliban's top echelon into seeking peace. **(AP)**

NANTERRE, FRANCE

Tapes Delay L'Oreal Trial

Judges on Thursday postponed a highly awaited trial about whether a schemer manipulated France's richest woman, Liliane Bettencourt, out of $1.2 billion after secret recordings emerged suggesting the L'Oreal heiress evaded taxes by keeping millions in Swiss bank accounts. **(AP)**

STOCKHOLM

Sweden Nixes 100-Year Tradition of Conscription

Sweden on Thursday abolished a 100-year tradition of compulsory military service for men during peacetime, replacing it with a voluntary system with rigorous requirements to join. **(AP)**

Hearsay

"Even though they didn't help me in every possible way ... they are still my own family."

— **ELIAN GONZALEZ,** NOW 16 AND LIVING IN CUBA, SAYS HE IS NOT MAD AT HIS RELATIVES IN MIAMI WHO FOUGHT TO KEEP HIM IN THE U.S. 10 YEARS AGO.

Shrine Blasts Kill 35 in Pakistan

Suicide bombers hit popular site where Sufi saint is buried

Lahore, Pakistan

Two suicide bombers attacked a popular Muslim shrine in Pakistan's second-largest city late Thursday night, killing 35 people and wounding 175 others, the city's top official said.

The bombers struck as thousands of people were visiting the Data Darbar shrine, where a famous Sufi saint is buried. Muslims in Pakistan visit shrines and mosques in large numbers on Thursday and Friday nights.

Lahore has experienced a growing number of attacks as Taliban fighters along the northwest border with Afghanistan have teamed up with militant groups in the country's heartland once supported by the government.

K.M. CHAUDARY

Family members of victims comfort each other after two suicide blasts in Lahore.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack. But Islamist extremists consider Sufis to be heretics and have often targeted them, as well as Shiites and other minority groups.

The first bomber detonated his explosives in a large underground room where visitors sleep and wash themselves before praying, said Khusro Pervez, the top government official in Lahore.

The attack occurred as volunteers were handing out food to people visiting the shrine, said Chaudary Mohammed Shafique, a senior police official in Lahore.

Minutes later, a second bomber detonated his explosives upstairs in a large courtyard in front of the shrine as people tried to flee the first attack, said Pervez.

The blasts ripped concrete from the walls, twisted metal gates and left wires hanging from the ceiling, television footage showed. Blood stained the shrine's white marble floor. "It was a horrible scene," said Mohammed Nasir a volunteer security guard at the shrine who was getting ready to pray when the first blast occurred. "There were dead bodies all around with blood, and people were crying."

At least 25 of those wounded in the attacks are in critical condition, Pervez said. **BABAR DOGAR (AP)**

AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Boats were blown into the streets in Matamoros, Mexico, during Hurricane Alex.

Hurricane Remnants Slam Mexico

Matamoros, Mexico

The sprawling remains of Hurricane Alex drenched much of northern Mexico on Thursday, paralyzing the major city of Monterrey. At least two people were killed when dry rivers roared to life and highways turned into rushing streams.

Hurricane Alex ripped off roofs, caused severe flooding and forced thousands of people to flee coastal fishing villages as it hit land Wednesday evening in the border state of Tamaulipas. Power and telephone service were down in several towns and cities. The hurricane weakened to a tropical storm as it moved west to Nuevo Leon state, but it still caused major problems. **(AP)**

Spy Case Spotlights Ties Between Cyprus, Russia

Nicosia, Cyprus

Russian money and influence have long made a splash on this Mediterranean resort island where a suspected Russian spy paymaster vanished after being allowed to walk free on bail.

The ties go right to the top: Russian energy giant Lukoil has a big presence, and the Greek Cypriot president, a communist who studied in Moscow, is expecting an illustrious visitor in October — Russian President Dmitry Medvedev.

Embarrassed authorities searched airports, ports and yacht marinas Thursday for the suspect, identified as Christopher Robert Metsos. Freed on $33,000 bail, he failed to show for a required meeting with police on Wednesday.

There's no evidence for now that the deep Russian presence in Cyprus played a role in his release, but the Cypriot government is under pressure to explain the bewildering fumble involving a man wanted in the United States for allegedly operating a Russian spy ring there.

Metsos

The case recalls Cyprus' heyday as a place of intrigue, a listening post for spies of all stripes who maneuvered in the Middle East and a convenient transit point for the shady figures of espionage.

Greek Cypriot police examined surveillance video from crossing points on the war-divided island, fearing the suspect may have slipped into the Turkish Cypriot north, a diplomatic no-man's-land recognized only by Turkey. **(AP)**

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World

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Iraq has struck deals to increase its crude output by 450 percent in the next seven years.

China Is Poised To Cash in on Iraq

U.S. companies wary of investing in nation after years of war

Al-Ahdab oil field, Iraq

China didn't take part in the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq or the bloody military battles that followed. It hasn't invested in reconstruction projects or efforts by the West to fortify the struggling democracy in the heart of the Middle East.

But as the U.S. military draws down and Iraq opens up to foreign investment, China and a handful of other countries that weren't part of the so-called coalition of the willing are poised to cash in. These countries are expanding their foothold beyond Iraq's oil reserves — the world's third-largest — to areas such as construction, government services and even tourism, while American companies show little interest in investing here.

"The U.S. really doesn't know what to do in Iraq," said Fawzi Hariri, Iraq's industry minister. "I have been personally, as the minister of industry, trying to woo U.S. companies into Iraq. There is nothing yet. Nothing tangible."

In the past two years, Chinese companies have walked away with stakes in three of the 11 contracts the Iraqi Oil Ministry has signed in its bid to increase crude output by about 450 percent over the next seven years. They also renegotiated a $3 billion deal that dates back to when Saddam Hussein was in power.

Only two American firms won stakes in oil deals, an underwhelming showing that industry analysts and U.S. officials say reflects deep concerns about doing business in a country besieged by insecurity, corruption and political turmoil.

"They made a mistake and overestimated the risk," said Ruba Husari, an oil analyst in Baghdad. "I think they did not realize on the spot that it was the biggest window of opportunity, and they missed out." LEILA FADEL AND ERNESTO LONDOÑO (THE WASHINGTON POST)

DATES

An international court Thursday subpoenaed reluctant supermodel Naomi Campbell to testify this month in the war crimes trial of former Liberian president Charles Taylor, warning her she could be jailed for up to seven years if she refuses. The Special Court for Sierra Leone ordered her to appear at The Hague on July 29 or show good cause why she can't. (AP)

Hey Now, He's an All-Star

Stephen Strasburg should get the honor if the NL really wants to win the game

The Nationals

Ryan Franklin spent more than 15 seasons trying to become an All-Star, wending through Bellingham and Appleton and Port City, working as a starter, middleman and setup guy, waiting for that special night to hear the PA announcer call his name, jog to the foul line and tip his cap.

The St. Louis closer got summoned last summer and proudly took his place during pregame introductions, a first-timer at age 36. So, it's easy to understand how he feels about the big question lingering over next month's game.

Should Stephen Strasburg make it this year as a rookie? A rookie with only a few weeks in the majors, at that.

"No chance. No chance. You can't be an All-Star if you've pitched six games. It just ain't right. He's got a tremendous future, but he's not an All-Star," Franklin said. "I just don't think it's fair."

Competitive Edge

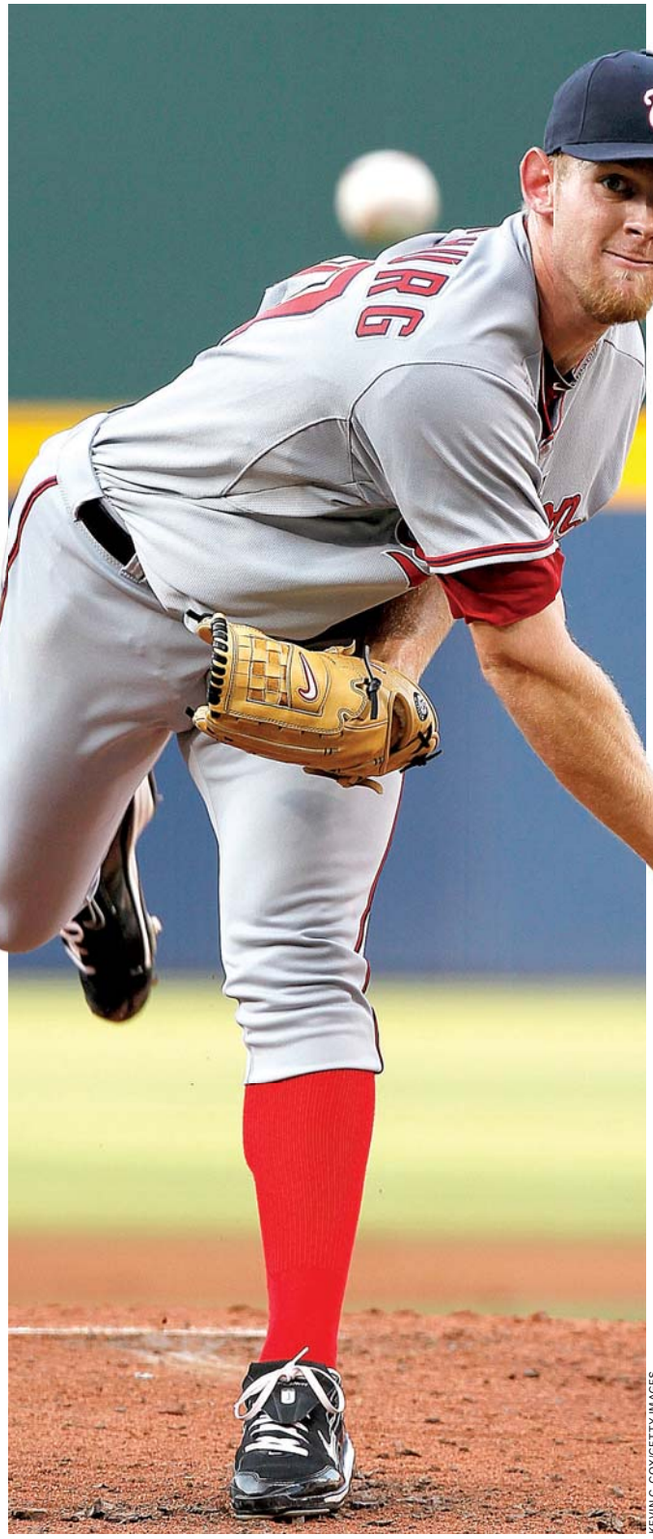
Forget this is billed as the fans' game. Never mind the Washington ace is now the brightest light in the baseball universe, a phenom so electric President Obama recently came over to Nationals Park for a look.

No, skip all that. There's a better reason why Strasburg should absolutely be Stars-burg when rosters are announced Sunday: He can help the National League finally win one of these games.

It's been awhile. The last time the NL won, the game was played in a ballpark that no longer exists (Veterans Stadium), on a surface the NL no longer uses (artificial turf).

That was in 1996, back when the Milwaukee Brewers were still in the American League. Four players on the original rosters for that game in Philadelphia — Cal Ripken, Wade Boggs, Tony Gwynn and Ozzie Smith — are already in the Hall of Fame.

If the NL is serious about winning on July 13 in a game that's often played more like an exhibition — especially with home-field advantage in the World Series going to the victor — Strasburg is an automatic choice.



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Shining Through

No one's had much luck so far against the 21-year-old. Through Strasburg's five starts, batters are 9 for 44 with 18 strikeouts and one walk against him the first trip through the lineup.

Entering Saturday's start against the New York Mets, Strasburg is 2-2 with a 2.27 ERA, giving up 25 hits and striking out 48 in 31 2/3 innings while getting little support from his offense.

Numbers Game

Rosters were increased to 34 this year, though that won't quell the never-ending debate of who should be an All-Star — players having the best season, popular stars, maybe someone in his final year?

Or someone such as Strasburg, who's drawing the kind of crazy attention that surrounded the likes of Ichiro, Dwight Gooden and Mark Fidrych. There was such a swarm around newcomer Hideo Nomo in 1995 that in a break from tradition, he lined up with his NL teammates for pregame introductions rather than stay in the bullpen to warm up to start the game.

Arizona manager A.J. Hinch can see both sides. "Certainly, the buzz around him is unlike anything we've seen in recent years," he said. "If Billy Wagner is in his last season and he was the guy scratched for Strasburg, that's a difficult situation. Who would he replace?"

Deciding Factors

NL manager Charlie Manuel of Philadelphia, NL players and Major League Baseball get some say in who makes the team.

"People ... start saying, 'It would be a shame if he's not in.' I say there's a lot of shame every day somewhere. A lot of things happen," Manuel said this week. "I've got a very open mind about him," he said.

Here's a guess about how it actually will be decided. After the rosters are announced Sunday, fans get to vote online for the final player on each side. There will be five candidates for each league. Strasburg is going to be on that list, chances are. And if he is, he's going to the game. **BEN WALKER (AP)**

Making The Call

ANTI-STRASBURG:

"I don't know the kid, but if you asked him he'd probably tell you the same thing, just because of the time he's been here. It's not that he's not All-Star material. If you're looking to interest people, you put him on."
— DODGERS MANAGER JOE TORRE

"We had to make some tough choices to pick five starters and he hasn't been out there very long. I don't know how much consideration he's going to get."
— CARDINALS MANAGER TONY LARUSSA

PRO-STRASBURG:

"If Charlie Manuel or MLB feels he is one of the best players in the league and he should be on the All-Star team, he would earn it and deserves it. I would embrace it."
— NATS GM MIKE RIZZO

TORN:

"He's got the stuff, but he hasn't done enough yet. With the AL and NL trying to win the game, I can see maybe they'll put him on the team. I can see that aspect."
— WHITE SOX PITCHER MARK BUEHRLE

Local

Gray Outlines DCPS Reform Plan

Mayoral candidate pledges transparency, equity in charter funds

Washington

Calling the Fenty administration's approach to education reform "shortsighted, narrow and clandestine," D.C. Council Chairman and mayoral candidate Vincent C. Gray promises more transparency, funding equity for public charter schools, tax credits for early childhood programs and new attention to the city's neighborhood high schools in a policy blueprint unveiled Thursday afternoon.

The 15-page document, which does not offer cost estimates for the proposals, reflects broad areas of agreement with the reform program led by Mayor Adrian M. Fenty and Chancellor Michelle A. Rhee.

It voices support for continued mayoral control of the public school system and the ideas embedded in the District's new contract with the Washington Teachers' Union, including holding educators accountable for student performance and paying them accordingly.

"We can't afford to go back to the old way of doing things in our schools, when an incremental approach was failing our students," according to the document.

Gray presented his education platform a day after Rhee all but closed the door to serving as chancellor if Gray becomes mayor. Gray has been noncommittal when asked about Rhee's future should he be elected. **BILL TURQUE (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

"We cannot alienate the very people who must buy in if schools are to be thriving communities — parents, teachers."

— **VINCENT GRAY,** IN HIS PLAN FOR REFORM. HE SAYS REFORM HAS BEEN DAMAGED BY A LACK OF RESPECT FOR COMMUNITY INPUT.

The Lotteries

Thursday, July 1

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	6-1-8
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	2-6-2
Mid-day Pick 4	0-3-2-5
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	1-0-4-0
Mid-day Cash 5	11-16-20-25-31
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	1-3-10-30-32
Win For Life (Wed.)	9-19-25-29-31-38 (11)

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	3-4-6
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	8-2-9
Mid-day Pick 4	1-3-5-4
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	8-1-4-0
Match 5 (Wed.)	1-4-5-30-32 (8)
Multi-Match (Wed.)	3-6-13-17-24-26

District

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	9-2-8
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	3-9-3
Mid-day DC 4	0-3-7-1
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	0-3-6-3
Mid-day D.C. Five	3-3-9-1-7
Evening D.C. Five (Wed.)	7-8-7-3-4
Daily 6 (Wed.)	3-4-9-30-33-35 (28)
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	2-14-15-21-24 (19)

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Crews work on the failing section of a 96-inch water main in Potomac, Md., Thursday.

After Main Break, WSSC Limits Md. Water Use

Potomac, Md.

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission is declaring mandatory water restrictions for all customers for at least four days while a failing section of an 8-foot main in Potomac is repaired.

The WSSC, which serves Montgomery and Prince George's counties, announced the restrictions Thursday to ensure there is water for all customers, fire protection and medical uses. The goal is to cut use by a third.

An acoustic fiber optic monitoring system detected a failing section of a 96-inch water main in Potomac. WSSC General Manager Jerry Johnson says the system, which will eventually be installed in all large mains, helped prevent a more serious situation.

WSSC has asked people to stop all outside water use and use water only as necessary.

The pipe is similar to a 66-inch concrete main that burst along River Road in Bethesda in late 2008, stranding cars amid a torrent of frigid water and requiring motorists to be rescued by helicopter and firefighters in boats. **(THE WASHINGTON POST/AP)**

In Brief

JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

Robert Ehrlich introduces Mary Kane, right, his running mate for governor.

SILVER SPRING, MD.

Ehrlich Introduces Kane As Running Mate for Gov.

Republican Robert Ehrlich is introducing his new running mate, Mary Kane, as a hardworking attorney with a strong business background. Ehrlich introduced Kane in Silver Spring on Thursday as a person who will be a strong business advocate. Kane also has served as an assistant state's attorney for Montgomery County, a key battleground in Ehrlich's race with Democratic Gov. Martin O'Malley. **(AP)**

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Va. Tech Student Slaying Linked to '05 Abduction

Virginia State Police say forensic evidence has connected the slaying of a Virginia Tech student to a 2005 unsolved abduction and sexual assault in Northern Virginia. State Police spokeswoman Corinne Geller said Thursday that the evidence recovered during the investigation into the death of 20-year-old Morgan Harrington is linked to that of the case in Fairfax. **(AP)**

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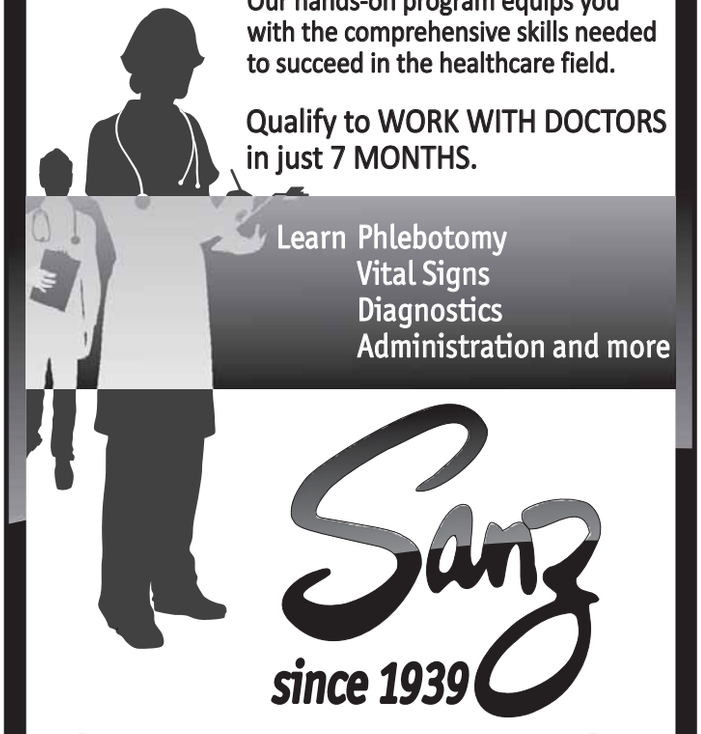

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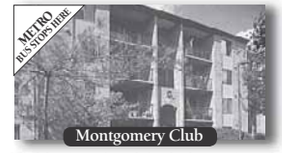

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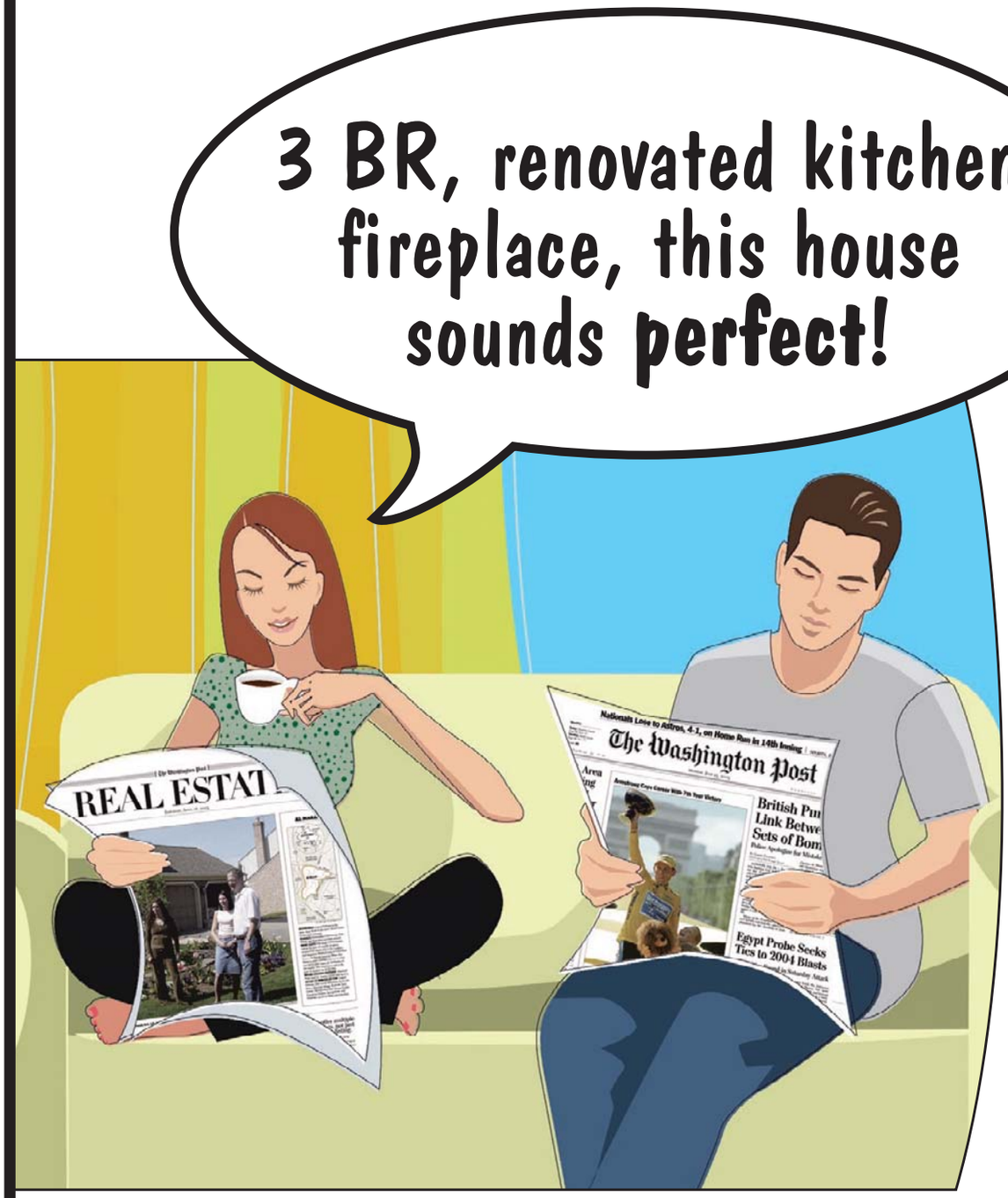

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TV Lineup

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After a meltdown in Atlanta, Stephen Strasburg gets the Mets on Saturday.

Friday

12 P.M. The men's semifinals matches begin at Wimbledon, where Rafael Nadal will play for a spot in yet another Grand Slam final. NBC

7:05 P.M. The Nats host the division foe Mets for Game 2 with Luis Atilano on the mound. MASN2

Saturday

4:10 P.M. After a cooler week, Strasburg brings the heat to Nats park for Game 3 against the Mets. Fox

7:30 P.M. The Sprint Cup series cruises through Daytona for the Coke Zero 400. TNT

Sunday

8:30 A.M. The world's biggest bike race begins in Rotterdam, where the Tour de France kicks off for three weeks of pedaling action. Versus

9 A.M. With Roger Federer out, there will be a new king of the lawn at Wimbledon for the men's finals. NBC

NOON Will Stephen Strasburg make the All-Star team? At least one National will get his name called during the selection show. TBS

1:35 P.M. The Nats celebrate Independence Day by closing out a series against the Mets. DC-50

MARADONA'S MAGIC TOUCH

One of soccer's biggest stars finds success with unusual coaching style

Soccer

When it comes to charisma, not many soccer coaches can rival Argentina's Diego Maradona. But a deep discussion over tactics? Not the man's style.

"Great one, you beast!" you often hear Maradona shouting affectionately at a player during training. Even when a shot balloons over the crossbar, he bubbles with the same infectious enthusiasm.

His critics, who called him a naive tactician before the World Cup, could be made to eat their words if Argentina continues its impressive form in South Africa and wins a third title.

The Albiceleste have won four matches in a row, scoring 10 goals — and the tally would've been far higher but for some excellent goalkeeping.

Maradona says he preferred to be a free spirit as a player. So, he intentionally won't tell Argentina's latest superstar — Lionel Messi — what to do.

"I went to tell Messi [at Barcelona] that nobody ever told me where to play. So, I shouldn't have to tell Messi where to play either," said Maradona.

The former Argentine captain has embraced and kissed his players before all the matches in South Africa. And it seems as though he's kicking every ball in his mind when prowling around the coaches area wearing a suit.

The players seem to be thriving.

Martin Palermo, Argentina's 36-year-old fifth-choice striker, is a case in point. Many thought Maradona included him on his squad out of sentimentality — or as a lucky charm — after the striker scored a last-gasp goal that helped seal Argentina's qualification for the World Cup.

With Argentina struggling to break down Greece in the final group game, Maradona brought in Palermo, who within minutes got on the score sheet. "I said, 'Get out there. Finish this match for me,'" the coach recalled.

Whether Maradona's approach will work against tactically savvy Germany in this weekend's quarterfinal is another matter.

When asked after the 3-1 defeat of Mexico on Sunday how he would approach the Germans, Maradona snapped, "Let me enjoy this match. Why think of Germany? How about you name the players YOU want."

VICENTE PANETTA (AP)

A Superstitious Coach

- Before each match, Maradona has come onto the field wearing a tracksuit only to later emerge in a gray suit. Right after the match, it's back into his tracksuit.
- He insists on holding rosary beads during the game.
- No matter where Argentina has played, he's insisted on holding his pre-game press conferences at Loftus Versfeld Stadium in Pretoria. But the stadium is now closed for the rest of the World Cup ,so he'll have to settle for Cape Town.

WEEKEND MATCHES

Brazil vs. Netherlands

10 a.m. Fri. Two champion-caliber teams meet up in the quarterfinals for what promises to be a high-scoring affair. ESPN

Ghana vs. Uruguay

2:30 p.m. Fri. After toppling U.S. hopes for glory, the Black Stars of Ghana take on Group A winner Uruguay. ESPN

Argentina vs. Germany

10 a.m. Sat. Argentina hasn't needed Lionel Messi to score so far. Will it against archrival Germany? ABC

Paraguay vs. Spain

2:30 p.m. Sat. With a nerve-racking penalty-kick shootout behind them, Paraguay takes on Cup favorite Spain. ABC

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Waiting for Mr. Plush's Return

Morgan has found tough going in his second year in D.C.

The Nationals

A year ago, he was "Tony Plush."

The Nationals' new center fielder, plucked from Pittsburgh in a June 30 trade, arrived in Washington full of personality and production.

Nyjer Morgan — with his alter ego, T. Plush — quickly became a fan favorite as he slapped base hits to all fields, swiped bases at will, and roamed center field with range not seen here since baseball came back to town. He batted .351 and stole 24 bases in 49 games with the Nationals before a broken hand ended his season.

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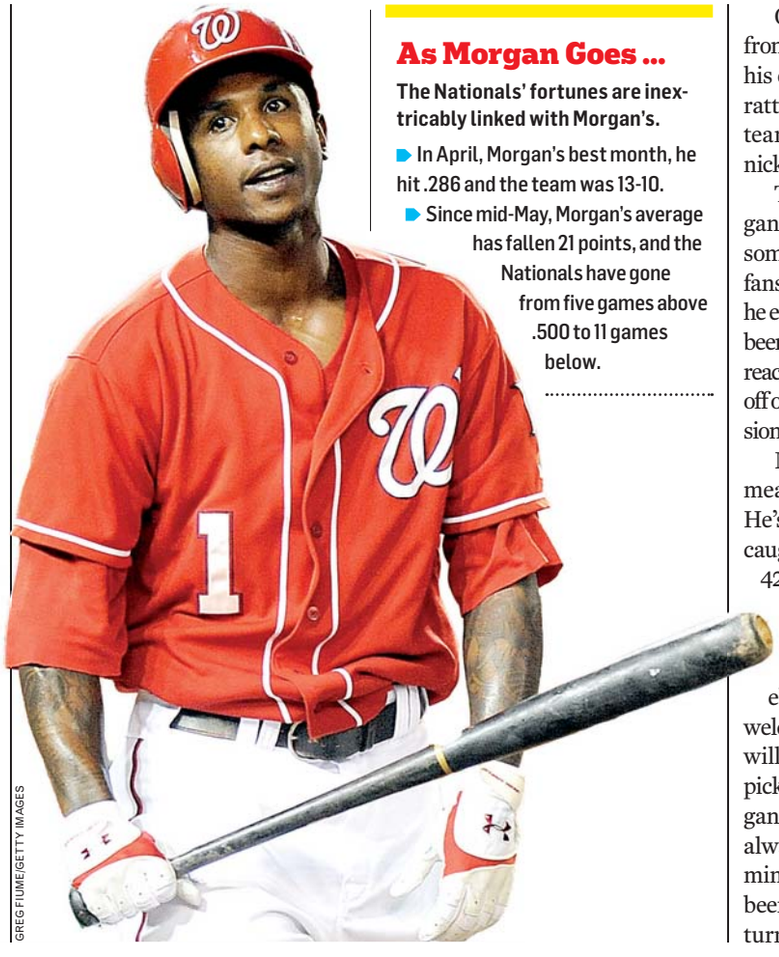

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As Morgan Goes ...

The Nationals' fortunes are inextricably linked with Morgan's.

- In April, Morgan's best month, he hit .286 and the team was 13-10.
- Since mid-May, Morgan's average has fallen 21 points, and the Nationals have gone from five games above .500 to 11 games below.

Off the field, in the locker room in front of cameras and microphones, his celebrity only grew. Tony Plush rattled off nicknames for his new teammates. Everybody needed a nickname, he figured.

This year, though, it's best Morgan stay off the Internet, lest he see some of the nicknames Nationals fans have given him. The goodwill he earned after his arrival has largely been squandered as he's struggled to reach base and regularly been picked off or thrown out stealing on the occasions he does set foot on first.

Morgan is batting .252 with a meager .314 on-base percentage. He's stolen 17 bases but has been caught 11 times. Last year, he stole 42 bases and was caught 17 times. And in the outfield, he's looked lost at times.

On Friday, Morgan celebrates his 30th birthday and welcomes July, a month he figures will bring better things. "I always pick it up in the second half," Morgan told The Washington Post. "It's always been like that. Even in the minors, it was always like that. I've been here before. Now it's time to turn it up." **DEREK TURNER**

Against Lefties, Morse Is Right at Home

The Nationals

With most stats working in his favor, there's one that's holding Nationals outfielder Michael Morse back.

Just one in four pitchers in the major leagues is left-handed. And with Morse starting in right field on days when the Nats face a southpaw, he'll be riding the pine about three of every four days.

"Whatever gets me into the lineup," said Morse, who's batting .333 in 51 at-bats with the Nats this season, starting in 10 games. With an offense that's been whisper quiet lately, the Nationals could use a hot bat more than once every four games.

Luckily for Morse, the Mets plan to throw lefties Jon Niese and Hisanori Takahashi Friday and Sunday, respectively. And Nats manager Jim Riggleman said he plans to stick to his platoon of Morse versus lefties and Roger Bernadina against righties.

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Michael Morse has shown his power in limited at bats this year, blasting three homers.

"I haven't been able to get him in there as much as I know people want him in there, and I like to have him in there, but you know I like Bernadina in there, too," he said.

"It's been limited, but he always has taken advantage of it," Riggleman said. "He's making a statement."

With three home runs, all in games he started, Morse is making sure each chance doesn't go to waste — even from the dugout.

"It's a mental grind," he said. "I try every game, if I play or if not — I want to get so mentally tired by the end of the game ... that I feel like I played."

For now, Morse will remain a one-in-four man for the Nationals. But he's OK with that.

"I know my job." **CAL SILCOX**

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Send Strasburg Back to California

Truth be told, I was on the fence about Stephen Strasburg's deserving a spot on the All-Star team when the debate began last week.

Those days are over.

It's not like I just noticed the kid is good. OK — very, very good.

By Matt Swenson

And I've always understood the reasoning that fans want to see Strasburg pitch on one of baseball's biggest stages. Plus, there's no question the rookie would help the National League in its effort to end its decade-long losing streak in the midsummer classic.

Still, he's pitched only five big-league games. He'd thrown only three when the All-Star idea was first thrown out for public consumption.

The rookie would help the National League in its effort to end its decade-long losing streak.

Three starts, five starts; it doesn't matter. Anyone who's seen the top pick from San Diego State knows he's the real deal.

Nothing has changed in the equation, so why has my mind been made up? Simple — the Nats made it easy.

Name one other National who really should be on the national stage. Livan Hernandez is having a fine year, but he's not a lock. Ryan Zimmerman and Adam Dunn are good enough to start on any club, but they currently are the No. 3 and No. 4 hitters in a lineup that can't score.

Strasburg is clearly the team's best player. If the All-Star Game is meant as a showcase for each team's top performer, then Strasburg has to be the pick for the game in Anaheim.

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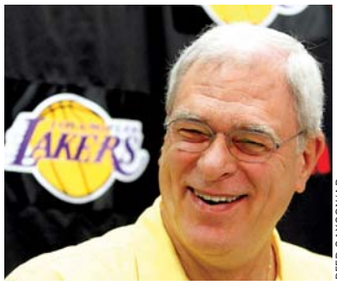

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Lakers coach Phil Jackson will return to coach after debating retirement.

PRO BASKETBALL

Jackson to Stay With Lakers for 11th Year

A week after saying he was "leaning toward retiring," the Los Angeles Lakers' coach said he would return for his 11th season with the franchise. "Count me in," Jackson said Thursday. The 65-year-old coach debated retiring due to health issues and the NBA's travel schedule. He won his 11th NBA championship as a coach with the Lakers this year. **(AP)**

PRO BASKETBALL

Byron Scott to Join Cavs

With LeBron James or without him, Byron Scott has decided to get back on an NBA sideline. Scott accepted Cleveland's coaching job just as James officially became a free agent and no longer property of the Cavaliers, who are hoping that landing the best coach available will persuade the two-time MVP to stay home and try to win a title. According to his agent, Scott and the Cavs are still working out the final details of the deal. **(AP)**

PRO BASEBALL

Utley Out After Surgery

Phillies star second baseman Chase Utley will be out at least eight weeks after having surgery on his injured right thumb, a major setback for the two-time defending NL champions. Utley isn't expected to return until September, or longer than the Phillies had hoped. The operation was performed Thursday in New York, three days after one of the majors' best all-around infielders was injured trying to stretch a single into a double. **(AP)**

LeBron Meets With Nets, Knicks

On first day as a free agent, James listens to team presentations

Pro Basketball

As they exited, the New Jersey Nets passed the New York Knicks in the driveway of the parking garage.

Everyone came to see LeBron James.

Nets billionaire owner Mikhail Prokhorov, rap mogul Jay-Z, coach Avery Johnson and other team officials spent more than 90 minutes making a presentation on Thursday to James, the two-time MVP who became the most celebrated free agent in history at 12:01 a.m.

Prokhorov left with a few members of the Nets' entourage at 12:43 p.m. Lagging a few minutes behind them was Jay-Z, a close friend of James', who was sitting in the backseat of a black sedan leaving the garage as the Knicks' motorcade — two sedans and two SUVs — pulled in.

And so went the initial hours of James' courtship, which has turned into his personal recruitment and has captivated the sports world.

"It went well," Johnson said before the Nets' congregation headed to Chicago to meet with free agents Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh.

The Knicks spent more than two hours speaking with James and his closest advise rs and came away feeling they did all they could.

"I think it went well," New York coach Mike D'Antoni said. "But, obviously, everyone that gets the chance to talk to him will probably say same the same thing."

James followed the Knicks out the door. As he left, a pack of photographers chased after his vehicle, hoping for one signature shot or perhaps a sign from the King. **(AP)**

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Two-time MVP LeBron James is the prized gem of a talented NBA free agent class that includes Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh.

Signing Bonus

While LeBron hosted two suitors Thursday and is yet to make up his mind about where to play next season, several other NBA names signed deals of their own. Forward Rudy Gay verbally accepted a five-year, $80 million deal to stay put with the Memphis Grizzlies. Meanwhile the Timberwolves agreed to a four-year $20 million deal with Center Darko Milicic. In Milwaukee, power forward Drew Gooden agreed in principle to a five-year $32 million deal with the Bucks, his agent said. The Bucks will be Gooden's ninth team in as many seasons in the NBA . **(AP)**

Serena Wins Spot in Sixth Wimbledon Final

Tennis

Back in the final yet again, Serena Williams will have to beat someone other than her sister for once to secure a fourth Wimbledon championship.

The top-ranked American defeated 62nd-ranked Petra Kvitova 7-6 (5), 6-2 on Thursday to reach her third straight Wimbledon final and sixth overall.

Standing in Williams' way in Saturday's final will be 21st-seeded Russian Vera Zvonareva, who rallied to beat Tsvetana Pironkova 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 to reach her first Grand Slam title match.

It's the 10th time in the last 11 years that at least one of the Williams sisters has advanced to the final. Venus and Serena have won eight titles.

Serena Williams, going for a 13th Grand Slam title, has never beaten anyone other than her older sister in the Wimbledon championship match. Serena Williams defeated her sister in the 2002, 2003 and 2009 finals, while Venus Williams won the all-sister showdown in 2008.

"I think there will definitely have to be changes," Serena Williams said. "You can't face the same opponent with the same thing. You always have to come with something new."

Five-time winner Venus Williams was upset in the quarterfinals Tuesday by Pironkova.

Serena Williams has a 12-3 record in Grand Slam finals and will be heavily favored to beat Zvonareva. She has won five of their previous six matches.

STEPHEN WILSON (AP)

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Serena Williams will play Russia's Vera Zvonareva for the Wimbledon title.

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Anthony Bourdain

FOOD ADVENTURER, 'NO RESERVATIONS' HOST

Quick-witted Anthony Bourdain first caught our ear (and captured our foodie hearts) with "Kitchen Confidential," his 2000 behind-the-scenes restaurant expose. Now he has what many consider the best job ever: eating his way around the world on the Travel Channel's "No Reservations." Sure, he's swilled duck blood soup and pig knuckle, but he's also gobbled French pastries and juicy burgers. His show's seventh season starts July 5 at 10 p.m.; his new book, "Medium Raw," is out now.

"Medium Raw" came out 10 years after "Kitchen Confidential." What's the biggest change in the restaurant industry since then?
The empowerment of the chef. People care what the chef thinks. They're interested in watching cooks work. The public is eating more like chefs than back in the day, when the customer was right and the chef was there to serve.

You're a dad now, with a 3-year-old daughter. Have you introduced her to any crazy foods?
She eats like a normal kid, but because my wife and I travel so much, my daughter's exposed to a lot of food. Recently, we were shooting in Paris, and she started eating raw oysters.

Do you travel differently now that you're a parent?
It's like the invasion of Normandy when I travel with my family. It's this huge logistical train of child-related stuff. You think about proximity to hospitals, worst-case scenarios, refrigeration for milk.

Which do you enjoy more: going to new spots or trying new foods?
I travel to new places largely based on whether there's an expectation of interesting food and people. People I feel closest with are ones who love food and are proud of it.

Where do you like to eat in D.C.?
I'm a big José Andrés fan. I like the Vietnamese scene. El Pollo Ricco is a great chicken place.

> **"I travel to new places largely based on whether there's an expectation of interesting food."**

What'll we see this season on "No Reservations"?
We went back to Beirut for what I expect to be much like the show we'd hoped to make the first time [in 2006, when the city was bombed] and show people how amazing it is. And we just shot in Paris. I took Eric Ripert, and we had an amazing time. It's a revitalized, exciting time in the restaurant business in Paris.

Which cultures are pushing the culinary envelope right now?
Paris. There's Michelin-quality food for under 50 euros a meal. It's the most underrated food destination right now.

Anyplace you still want to visit?
Cuba. I'd like to see Cuban baseball before Castro falls and the country changes. And I have a show in mind where we'd retrace Joseph Conrad's trip up the Congo River from "Heart of Darkness." We're working through the security aspects of that.

KATIE ABERBACH (EXPRESS)

Event Horizon | Absinthe Tasting

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4 It All Rings True

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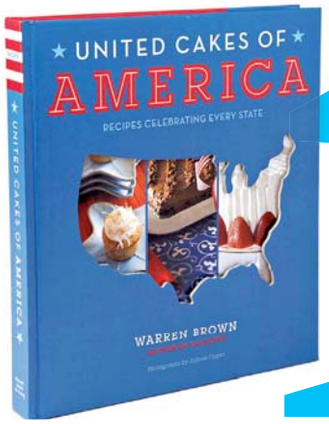
5 Write Bright

YOU'LL QUITE LITERALLY experience light bulb moments if you hang one of St. Louis artist John Beck's clever steel pendant lamps ($175-$295) in your kitchen or entryway. The steel drum styles function both as room illuminators and chalkboards, meaning you can leave your roomie a note about replacing that carton of milk in a spot that's impossible to miss.

Grab Bag

3 Bespoken For

DESIGNED IN FRANCE AND ITALY, and sewn up in Turkey (where, ahem, they know their cotton), new men's shirt line Absolute Rebellion boasts a cross-cultural pedigree. The cotton, long-sleeved styles, just in at Caramel (1603 U St. NW; 202-265-1930), mix slim cuts with unusual but not-too-flashy details: white placketing on pink broadcloth (shown, $135) and tuxedo-ish pintucking.



1 Red, White and Chew

IT'S PATRIOTIC to jab those little paper Old Glories into the cupcakes at your Fourth of July picnic. But states' rights matter in the world of sweets, too, as shown in D.C. dessert maestro Warren Brown's "United Cakes of America" ($30, Stewart, Tabori & Chang), which unfurls recipes for treats inspired by all 50 states, from Mississippi Mud Cake to Floridian Key Lime Pie.

2 Just Add Water

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— KRISTIN

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"Oh, I do hope he's better than the last one, Esther," answered Mama, making reference to the recent attempt to pair you with the 54-year-old, never-married streetcar conductor.

"This one? He's a podiatrist and a widower. Such a catch," she answered, fingering the large carp whose price had been greatly reduced.

Now, of the course, we rely upon computers to bring us outdated pictures of unknown people, safe in the knowledge that such technology is clearly superior to the old ways.

Look! Here is the aptly named Secret Love from Nanette Lepore ($359, Zappos.com). Feminine and attractive without being crass.

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mouth of the border

Chef Rick Bayless may hail from Oklahoma, but the way he makes tacos, guacamole and margaritas has put him on the culinary map as America's foremost expert on Mexican food. He slings south-of-the-border fare both simple and haute at his Chicago restaurants (Frontera Grill, Topolobampo, XOCO) and — for the most recent state dinner — at the White House.

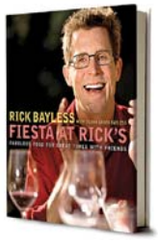
The author of six prior Mexican cookbooks (and 2009's "Top Chef Masters" champ) just penned another, "Fiesta at Rick's" ($35, Norton). We chatted with him about how to host his favorite kind of party. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

How are parties different in Mexico?

My philosophy is it's all about really bright flavors, which puts people at ease. Mexican food really gets a party started, especially if you invite the right people. People there express themselves through food with these regular parties. You get a sense that when they make a dish, it's an extension of their spirit. People are always preparing for the next fiesta and inviting everyone they know.

What do people typically eat at fiestas there?

They have a grand way of celebrating, like maybe with a huge bowl of mole or a giant paella over a wood fire. It's about making a main dish that's a show-stopper.



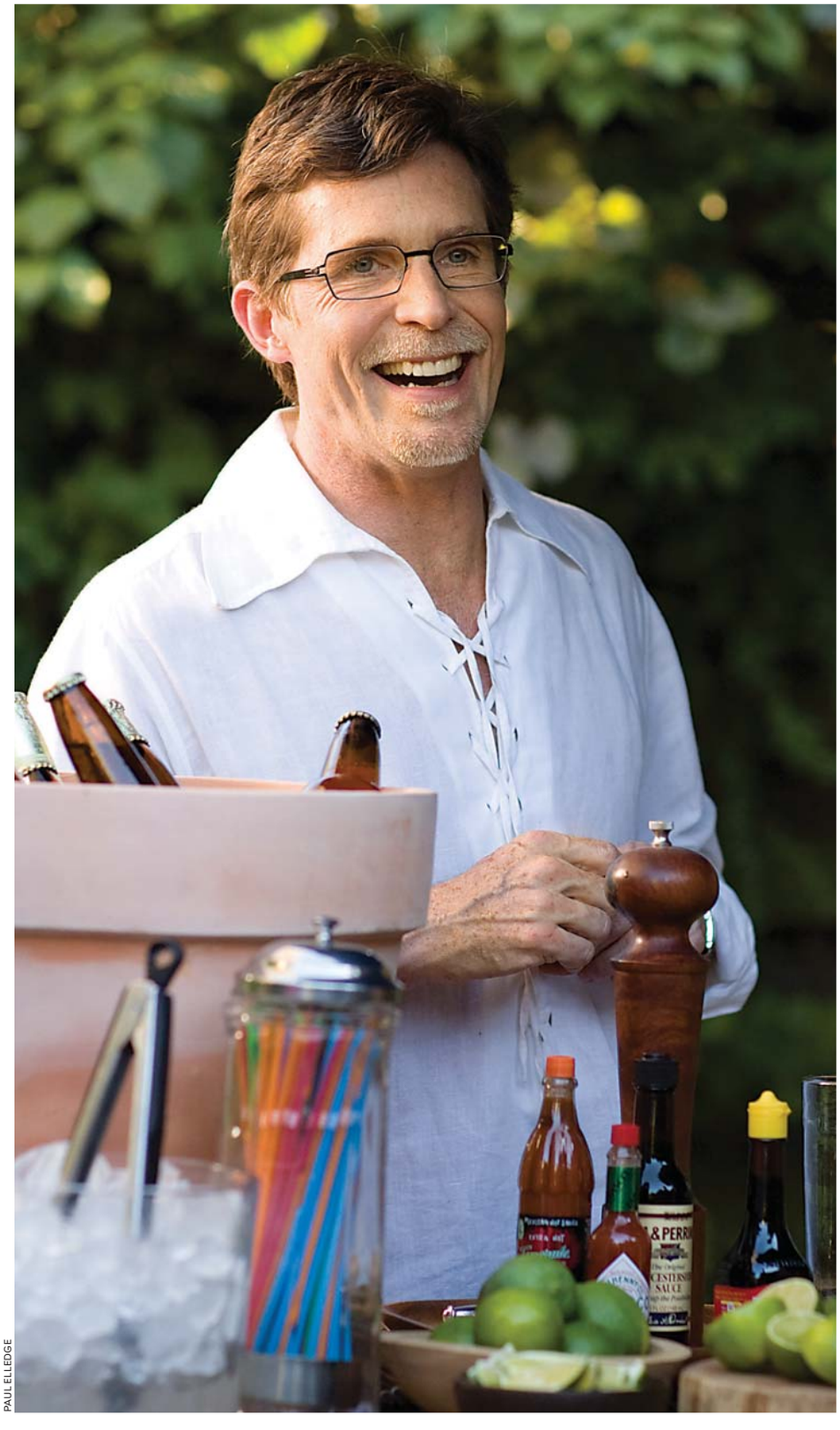
In his new cookbook, "Fiesta at Rick's," Mexican food guru Rick Bayless reveals how to throw a taco- and margarita-fueled bash.

If you cook Mexican for a large group, is there a secret?

You have to have some of the right equipment, like at least one big pan. I have a 3-foot wide paella pan.

The new book has so many guacamole variations, including one with — yum — bacon. Can you make it with anything?

Anything that makes sense, really. Avocados, because of their deep flavor and smooth richness, are very friendly to a lot of flavors. You can take those bright flavors and add any kind of herbs. Like



PAUL ELLEDGE

"FOR CEVICHES, DRY RIESLINGS WORK REALLY WELL. FOR GUAC, NEW ZEALAND SAUVIGNON BLANCS GO WELL. OR PAIR A RED MOLE WITH A RICH RED WINE."

the other day, I had mint and basil, and put those in. It tasted great!

Ceviche is also big in your new book, but shouldn't I be nervous about raw fish?

The hardest part for most people is that they aren't comfortable with their fish supply. But you can also go the cooked shellfish route, or if you are doing it with raw fish, buy your fish from a fishmonger you have a relationship built up with. You can also usually buy sashimi-grade tuna at Whole Foods, which works.

What was it like cooking at the White House?

It was really cool, and I can't believe they let us do that! I spend seven hours making Oaxacan mole. People there were really supportive and helped us get in special ingredients like chilies.

At your restaurants, you are known for pairing wine with Mexican food. How do you do that?

Basically, you're not pairing the meat; you're pairing the sauce. For ceviches, dry Rieslings work really well. For guac, New Zealand sauvignon blancs go well. Or pair a red mole with a rich red wine.

But on the other hand, how can I make the best margarita?

It's all about fresh lime juice. And not from the bottle — that's bitter. You need to squeeze every single lime.

PARTY PREPPED

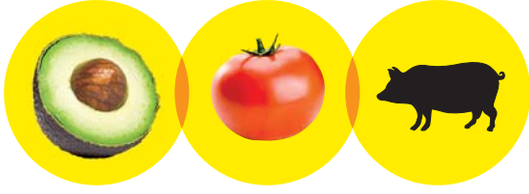
1. Dress up enchiladas or chips with Fischer & Wieser's tart and tangy salsa verde ($8, Hill's Kitchen, 713 D St. SE; 202-543-1997).

2. Just the right size for dishing out oinky servings of refried beans or Spanish rice: a stoneware bowl in the shape of a pig ($30, Surlatable.com).

3. Use a stone molcajete — Mexico's take on the mortar and pestle — to whip up guacamole or crush spices for a molé ($50, Hill's Kitchen).

4. String up papel picado — Mexican cut paper banners — to lend your fiesta an air of Acapulco ($15, Lafuente.com).

5. Rick Bayless' margarita mixes come in flavors (mmm, prickly pear & rasberry) that go way beyond liquor-store staples ($8, Surlatable.com).



BACON AND TOMATO GUACAMOLE

- **5 strips** medium-thick bacon (full-flavored smoky bacon is great here)
- **3** medium-large ripe avocados
- **1/2** medium white onion, chopped into 1/4-inch pieces
- **2 or 3** canned chipotle chiles en adobo to taste, removed from the canning sauce, stemmed, slit open, seeds scraped out and finely chopped
- **1** medium-large ripe tomato, cored and chopped into 1/4-inch pieces
- **1/4 cup** (loosely packed) coarsely chopped fresh cilantro (thick bottom stems cut off), plus a little extra for garnish
- **Salt**
- **1 or 2** tablespoons fresh lime juice

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SERVES 8 TO 10

In a large (10-inch) skillet, cook the slices of bacon in a single layer over medium heat, turning them occasionally, until crispy and browned, about 10 minutes. Drain on paper towels, then coarsely crumble.

Cut around each avocado, from stem to blossom end and back again, then twist the two halves apart. Dislodge the pit. Scoop the flesh from the skin into a large bowl. Using an old-fashioned potato masher or a large fork or spoon, mash the avocados into a coarse puree.

Scoop the onion into a small strainer and rinse under cold water. Shake off the excess water and transfer to the bowl, along with the chipotle chiles, tomatoes, cilantro (save a little for garnish if you wish) and about two-thirds of the bacon. Gently stir to combine all of the ingredients. Taste and season with salt, usually about 1/2 teaspoon, and enough lime juice to add a little sparkle.

Cover with plastic wrap directly on the surface of the guacamole and refrigerate until you're ready to serve. Scoop guacamole into a serving dish, sprinkle with the remaining bacon (and cilantro if you have it) and serve. **FROM "FIESTA AT RICKS" ($35, NORTON)**

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I do not, as a general rule, squee. I cannot remember ever buying a T-shirt commemorating a movie, though I will admit that I did have one for "The Phantom of the Opera." I also prefer to go to the movies alone. This is because I believe that most people, when they cross the threshold of a theater, turn stupid. I have long dreamed of opening a multiplex where talking, texting, or rattling the ice in your soda is punished via high-voltage electric current. Minor exceptions will be made for children's movies.

By Kristen Page-Kirby

I also do not like "Twilight." I don't like it as a feminist, as a moviegoer or as a "Buffy" fan. And because I know that no matter how compellingly I point out these films' flaws, it won't matter, because people will still see them. I can't change Twihards' minds. They're looking for what they love, while I'm looking for all the ways Bella is a twit.

But while I can't understand the attraction of the "Twilight" story, it really does look like fun to be part of that group. At the "Eclipse" screening Tuesday night, I was surrounded by a sea of "Team Jacob" tees. They were all instant friends — with each other, if not with Team Edward. And I realized that at least part of the attraction of the series is going out with your girlfriends, wearing the shirts, giggling about how you know it's not great filmmaking but it's fun. And I can buy that — if not the T-shirt.

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Noah Ringer shows off barely passable martial arts abilities as the heroic Aang in M. Night Shyamalan's "The Last Airbender."

Lightweight Lore

Young, unseasoned actors weaken the special effects-heavy epic 'Last Airbender'

Film Review

For more than a month now, I've been getting e-mails complaining about the "racist" casting of "The Last Airbender," director M. Night Shyamalan's live-action adaptation of the Nickelodeon cartoon "Avatar: The Last Airbender." Apparently part of a campaign, the e-mailers are upset that, with the exception of British-born Indian actor Dev Patel, who plays bad guy Zuko, the filmmaker cast white actors in most of the lead roles. (Set in a fantasy universe where chi, or energy, is harnessed to control the elements of air, water, earth and fire, the TV series arguably evoked an Asia-like world.)

Guess what: The bellyachers are right. But not for the reason they think.

Newcomer Noah Ringer, who plays the title role of Aang — a messianic child with the power to manipulate all four elements — is woefully miscast. Not because he's white, but because the kid can't act his way out of a wet paper bag.

Playing a hero who's meant to be something akin to the young Dalai Lama, Ringer brings less than zero gravitas to the role. He makes the kid who plays Gibby on "iCarly" look like Sir Lawrence Olivier (Noah Munck, if anyone cares).

Having run away from the monastery where he was being groomed for his role, Aang left before he had mastered control of water, earth and fire. His only real expertise is in the "bending" of air. That means he can stir up mini-tornadoes and blast people with puffs of wind.

But the actor doesn't even have the physical presence the role requires. The character's stunts — a mix of tai chi-like moves, computer effects and wire work — are passable at best.

As for the special effects, the bending of the elements is, I'll admit, kind of cool. Walls of dirt rise up to repel fireballs. Oceans surge and turn to ice.

After awhile, though, all the fighting between people hurling rocks, flames, water balloons and blasts of air at each other starts to resemble, as a waggish friend noted, one long game of rock, paper, scissors. It gets real old real fast.

Too bad you can't say the same for the immature cast. **MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

Roles

The Antihero

Downtime? What's that? Actor Dev Patel flew straight from the 2009 Academy Awards to Philadelphia to prepare to film "The Last Airbender," Patel told Superherohype.com. He picked his first post-"Slumdog Millionaire" role carefully: "I wanted to do something as distant [from] 'Slumdog' as possible 'cause I ... I didn't want just it to define me. ... And I wanted to stretch myself as an actor." (EXPRESS)

The Last Airbender

(PG)

- **Director:** M. Night Shyamalan
- **Stars:** Noah Ringer, Nicola Peltz, Dev Patel, Jackson Rathbone, Shaun Toub, Aasif Mandvi, Cliff Curtis, Seychelle Gabriel
- **In a Nutshell:** A messianic child tries to control the four elements in his battle against evil.
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'Ranch' Is No Place for a Queen

Classy Helen Mirren seems miscast in this flick about a brothel

Film Review

There's a little inside joke at the beginning of "Love Ranch," a soap-operatic drama based on the real-life story of Nevada's first legally licensed brothel. Cranky whorehouse owner Charlie Bontempo (Joe Pesci) turns to his wife, Grace (Helen Mirren), and snarls, "Who do you think you are, the queen of [expletive] England?"

In context, it's a reference to Grace's somewhat more regal bearing. Her husband is a foulmouthed little tyrant who physically intimidates people who try to shut his business down. She, at least, has a little bit of class.

RICHARD FOREMAN/E1 ENTERTAINMENT/AP

Sergio Peris-Mencheta, left, and Helen Mirren have an unlikely fling in "Love Ranch."

Love Ranch (R)

- **Director:** Taylor Hackford
- **Stars:** Joe Pesci, Helen Mirren, and Sergio Peris-Mencheta
- **In a Nutshell:** Mirren anchors a love triangle in this melodrama, based on the true story of Nevada's first legally licensed brothel.

But the line is also a wink at Mirren's Oscar-winning turn in the 2006 movie "The Queen." Unfortunately, the reference only snaps us out of any willing suspension of disbelief at that point. It's a painful reminder as to how out of place the actress is in this made-for-basic-cable-caliber melodrama. With the exception of Mirren and Sergio Peris-Mencheta — who plays an up-and-coming Argentine boxer who Charlie sees as his next meal ticket and with whom Grace begins a unlikely May-September romance — the performances feel as phony as Pesci's hair.

Try though she might, Mirren can't save the hackneyed story, inspired by the lives of Joe and Sally Conforte, who ran the Mustang Ranch brothel in the 1970s until the IRS shut it down for tax evasion. Directed by Taylor Hackford and written by Mark Jacobson, the tale of corruption, murder and, yes, terminal illness is straight out of "Days of Our Lives."

Not that Mirren gets much help from her supporting cast. Gina Gershon, playing the den mother of the prostitutes, has the effect of making the film feel like "Showgirls" whenever she turns up.

Like that 1995 disaster, "Love Ranch" is a toxic cocktail of unintended camp. Five years from now, it could be a hit on the midnight-movie circuit. Right now, it's just depressing. MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Where the Political Gets Too Personal

Oliver Stone turns an adoring lens on Venezuela's Chávez

Film Review

One thing Oliver Stone can't be accused of is having a hidden agenda.

The filmmaker who has infuriated and energized filmgoers with his revisionist versions of history delivers one of his left-handed projects with "South of the Border," a personal, maddeningly blinkered travelogue through Latin America that, for all its willful naivete, offers a valuable glimpse of historical and social change.

Most of the film is devoted to Venezuela's Hugo Chávez, with whom Stone enjoys a mutually adoring friendship that borders on the embarrassing. When Chávez was elected president in 1998, he vowed to free the country's oil wealth from the control of U.S. corporate interests and the International Monetary Fund. In successive years, Chávez has come under increasing criticism for clamping down on human rights.

Very little of that is addressed by Stone, who mostly lobs softballs to Chávez and "directs" him in a sentimental scene wherein the leader visits his childhood home. ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

South of the Border (NR)

- **Director:** Oliver Stone
- **Stars:** Hugo Chávez, Tariq Ali, Raúl Castro, Rafael Correa, Cristina Kirchner, Evo Morales
- **In a Nutshell:** Stone sheds light on change in Latin America.

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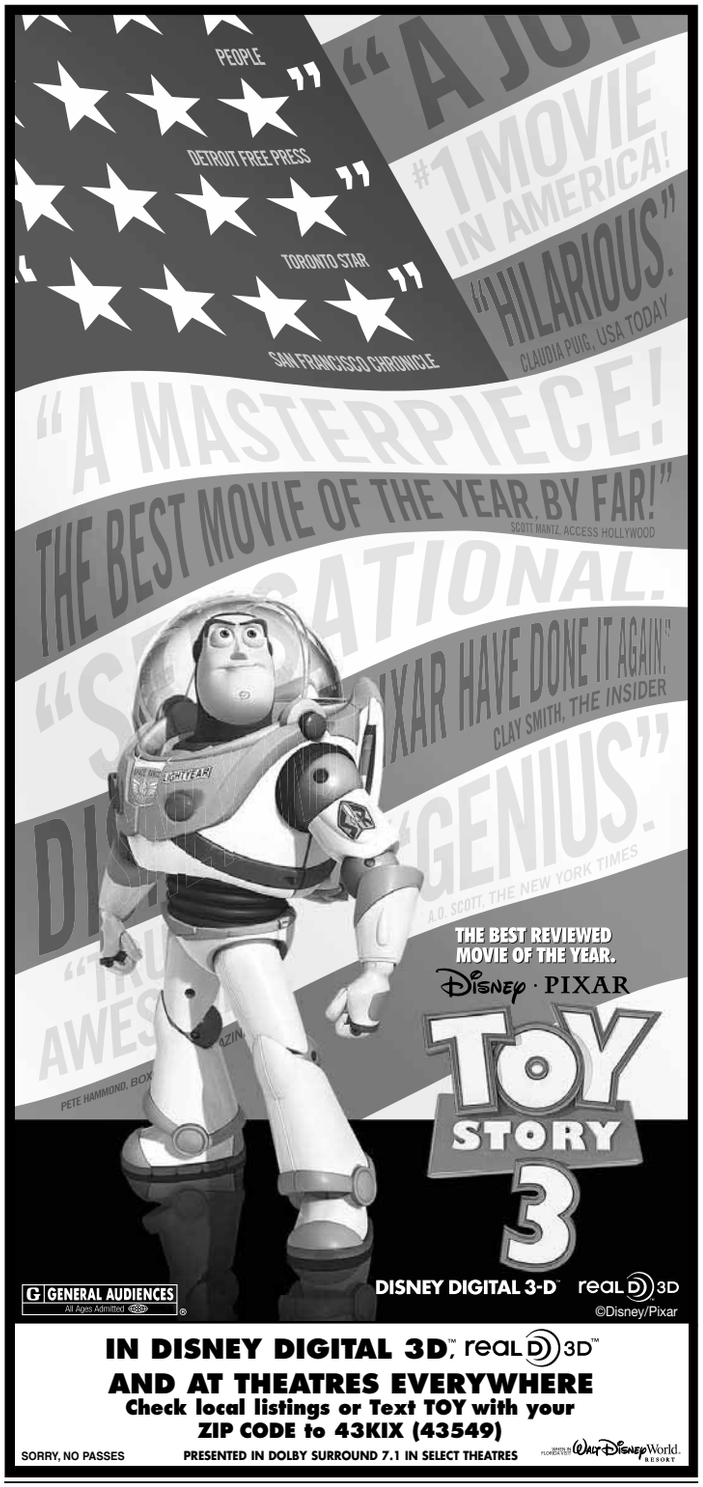

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Nightlife Agenda

BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

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Kevin Coombe, or DJ Nitekrawler, spins 45s at Dahlak in Adams Morgan in 2009.

FRIDAY

For fans of rare funk and old soul — the ones who like to really listen as well as dance — there is no finer night in D.C. than **MONEYTOWN**. DJ Nitekrawler (aka Kevin Coombe) and his guests rock forgotten 45s from the '60s and '70s, getting crowds to dance while avoiding the popular and expected Motown hits. Think of it as a history lesson with a greasy, gritty groove. The monthly party turns two years old this weekend, so Nitekrawler is bringing in Pittsburgh's J. Malls for an assist, while **LITTLE MISS WHISKEY'S** (1104 H St. NE; free; 10 p.m.) offers drink specials and a Southern-style barbecue cookout on the back patio.

SATURDAY

Brightest Young Things, which ran D.C.'s biggest and hippest pool parties at the **CAPITOL SKYLINE HOTEL** (10 I St. SW; $15; 12-5:30 p.m.; 202-488-7500) last summer, is throwing a Wild West-themed party called **COWBOY CAMP**. Expect lassoing and hamburger-eating contests, a mechanical bull, unironic cowboy hats, water guns and music by Mixtape DJs Matt Bailer and Shea Van Horn, and hundreds of 20-somethings working on their tans or splashing in the huge pool. Get there early and BYO towel; changing rooms and lockers are provided.

You have two chances today to see Miami rapper **RICK ROSS**, who is set to drop his fourth album, "Teflon Don," on July 20. First, he's performing with the L!ssen Band at the Laylinn Manor in Upper Marlboro, a private mansion with a pool (2 p.m.-12 a.m.). Then you can get a sneak preview of some of the new tracks and such former hits as "Hustin'" and "The Boss" during a live show at **IBIZA** (1222 First St. NE; $25-$40, 10 p.m.; 888-424-9232).

Globe-trotting Washington **DJ DAVE NADA** celebrates his birthday at **U STREET MUSIC HALL** (1115 U St. NW; $10, 10 p.m.; 202-588-1880) with DJ Sabo (New York City), Oro 11 and Disco Shawn rocking Latin-flavored sets of cumbia, tropical, dancehall, house and electro during Tormento Tropical. Nada is expected to take the decks to drop some moombahton, a hot, new style of his own creation, which slows house tracks to the pace of reggaeton. At some point during the evening, there will be a yeti-shaped piñata. You have been warned.

Now Playing

THE A-TEAM (PG-13, 117 minutes) Co-starring Bradley Cooper, Quinton "Rampage" Jackson and Sharlto Copley, this film engages in the same blurry, incoherent close-up action to which young filmgoers have now become accustomed. During a preamble set in the Mexican desert, we meet the guys: the unflappable Smith; Face, the ladies' man; Murdock, the crazy-like-a-fox pilot; and Bosco "B.A." Baracus, the Mohawked muscle man. In case watching a guy machine-gun his enemies from atop a tank isn't enough, the filmmakers treat viewers to an elaborately staged climax at the Los Angeles piers. Jessica Biel also appears as one of Face's love interests. This film might be selling itself as an action flick, but it's really just a hopeless bromantic. **A.H.**

CHUCK ZLOTNICK

Jonah Hill, left, and John C. Reilly, right, vie for Marisa Tomei's affection in "Cyrus."

CYRUS (R, 92 minutes) This movie announces its confrontational intentions from the get-go, when in the opening scene the film's hero, John (John C. Reilly), is interrupted in an intimate moment by his ex-wife, Jamie (Catherine Keener), who has stopped by to tell him

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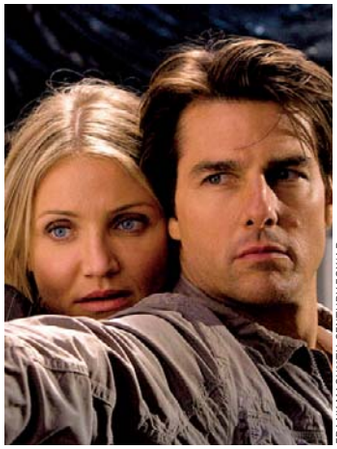
she's getting remarried. Later, John meets Molly (Marisa Tomei), a knockout who thinks his penchant for drunken confessions and public urination is kind of cute. The future looks bright for John and Molly, until he discovers that she has been hiding something. That would be her 21-year-old son Cyrus, played by Jonah Hill. He lives in a deeply enmeshed relationship with his devoted mother, who has home-schooled him and encourages his techno-emo noodlings on synthesizer keyboards. When John meets Cyrus, his face reflects the very questions that come up for the audience: Is this kid gifted? Or is there something darker at the core of his devotion to his mom? **A.H.**

GET HIM TO THE GREEK (R, 109 minutes) A spin-off of sorts, this film follows the further exploits of hedonistic British rock star Aldous Snow, last seen getting straight and sober in "Forgetting Sarah Marshall." But Snow has fallen on hard times here. A well-intentioned but enormously offensive single, "African Child," has thrown his career into a nosedive, sent his girlfriend and child packing, and caused him to relapse into substance abuse. In an effort to resurrect his public image, the record company sends Aaron Green (Jonah Hill), a rookie intern, to escort him from London to a comeback gig. But at Snow's insistence, this British assignment devolves into a three-day bender. **AARON LEITKO**

GROWN UPS (PG-13, 98 minutes) This summer male-bonding comedy starring Adam Sandler purports to be about a successful man in his 40s dealing with rue and regret with bittersweet laughs and maybe a few tears along the way. The film finds Sandler reverting to lunkheaded, lazy-laff form as a Hollywood super-agent named Lenny who reunites with his childhood friends after the funeral of their revered basketball coach. Eric (Kevin James), the fat-joke target, drives a Cadillac and has a pretty wife. Kurt (Chris Rock) is a househusband married to a tart-tongued career woman; Rob (Rob Schneider) is a New Age massage therapist married to a much-older woman; and Marcus (David Spade) is the group's skeevy-looking Peter Pan. With its lame, guys-doing-guy-stuff humor, "Grown Ups" resembles the bro-centric action picture "The A-Team," except that nothing blows up — unless you count a flatulent mother-in-law. **A.H.**

I AM LOVE (R, 120 minutes) The film opens on a snowy evening in Milan, where the wealthy Recchi family has gathered for the birthday of their elderly patriarch, Edoardo (Gabriele Ferzetti). At a dinner overseen with prim propriety by his daughter-in-law Emma (Tilda Swinton), the old man tells the assembled guests that he is handing over the family textile business to his son Tancredi (Pippo Delbono), and Emma and Tancredi's eldest son, Edo (Flavio Parenti). Is that a look of alarm that passes across Emma's face when Edo's grandfather makes his announcement? And just what events are set in motion when an acquaintance of her son's stops by with an impromptu gift? Promising director Luca Guadagnino makes the most of a medium too often straitjacketed into shots of people talking to one another, using it to lead viewers to an entirely new realm of the senses, with unsettling, intoxicating results. **A.H.**

IRON MAN 2 (PG-13, 126 minutes) The best thing about "Iron Man" was Robert Downey Jr.'s cheek and expressiveness. The worst was the hardware. The sequel drowns any potential sophistication in



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Cameron Diaz and Tom Cruise slip into and out of scrapes in "Knight and Day."

a busy, unfocused clatter of cross-talk punctuated by occasional fender-bender royales. But a terrific villain is a terrible thing to waste — namely Mickey Rourke's Ivan Vanko, who as the movie opens is working in Moscow on a metallic exoskeleton that will rival Iron Man's both in technological complexity and destructive throw-weight. When Vanko confronts Tony Stark (Downey) for their first showdown at the Grand Prix in Monaco, it's clear the film will be propelled by Oedipal psychological issues and struggles with mortality. Aw, who's anybody kidding? It's propelled by stuff

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Tilda Swinton, left, plays the Russian matriarch of a wealthy Italian family in the unsettling, mesmerizing drama "I Am Love."

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getting blown up, strafed, consumed by fireballs and blasted into oblivion, all of which occurs with the dull sense of due diligence. **M.O.**

JOAN RIVERS: A PIECE OF WORK (R, 84 minutes) The movie begins with the celebration of Rivers' 75th birthday, in 2008, and follows her over the course of a year, looking back at her career. Both her filing cabinets filled with jokes and the sprawling staff lend justification to the film's title, with plays on the comic's propensity for outrageousness along with her formidable work ethic. She is also shown working on a one-woman play, "Joan Rivers: A Work in Progress by a Life in Progress." At one point, Rivers shows the camera a blank page in her appointment book, saying, "I'll show you fear." But what exactly is she so afraid of? Perhaps the loss of love that being out of the limelight would represent. **M.O.**

THE KARATE KID (PG, 132 minutes) The new "Karate Kid" brings fresh life and perspective to the classic tale of perseverance and cross-generational friendship. As Dre Parker, who, with his mother, Sherry (Taraji P. Henson), has just moved to Beijing, Jaden Smith brings a soulful, searching sense of vulnerability to a kid who comes under attack from bullies on his first day in town. After a particularly brutal beat-down, Dre is defended by his apartment house caretaker, a quiet

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introvert named Mr. Han (Jackie Chan). While the filmmakers invite viewers to wince during the film's fight scenes, they make sure to soften the blows with wise tutorials in self-discipline, respect and balance. **A.H.**

KNIGHT AND DAY (PG-13, 109 minutes) Roy Miller (Tom Cruise) is, in his own words, good at what he does. A master of hand-to-hand combat who can put a bullet exactly where he wants it, he's also unfailingly polite. It's no wonder June Havens (Cameron Diaz) falls for him when they meet on a flight. He's cute, charming, smart and almost freakishly competent. Too bad that trouble, in the form of gun-toting government agents and an arms dealer's ruthless henchmen,

DISNEY/PIXAR

Buzz Lightyear and pals must escape from a day-care center in "Toy Story 3."

is following him — and now her — all over the globe. The film follows Roy and June as they bounce from country to country, all while Roy is trying to protect a nebbishy inventor and keep his top-secret invention out of the wrong hands. As an ordinary woman caught up in a world of jet-setting espionage, Diaz makes a delicious comedic and romantic foil to Cruise's Roy. Yes, at first she's a little freaked out by the people dropping like flies all around him, but she soon shows herself to be a capable partner. **M.O.**

PRINCE OF PERSIA: THE SANDS OF TIME (PG-13, 103 minutes) In this adventure based on the popular video game, the focus of Prince Dastan (Jake Gyllenhaal) is a special dagger he has stumbled upon. When a jewel is pressed on its hilt, releasing the few thimblefuls of sand inside, it has the ability to rewind time, but only for a single minute. Not just any sand will work, either. Hidden underground is a giant glass vessel filled with the right kind. Only the dagger can break the glass. Once the glass is broken, the sand gives its user an unlimited ability to travel back in time. The problem is that Dastan's not the only one who knows about it. Someone else wants it and has set Dastan up for the murder of his adoptive father, King Sharaman. **M.O.**

TOY STORY 3 (G, 103 minutes) Woody (voiced by Tom Hanks), Buzz (Tim Allen), Jessie (Joan Cusack) and their toy-box friends return to the screen in a film set during the week before Andy goes off to college. Buzz, Jessie and the gang are sent to a day-care center that winds up being, as one survivor puts it, a place of squalor and despair, "run by an evil bear who smells of strawberries." The toys' breakout from the day-care center winds up serving as the ballast of the film. Woody meets a new group of toys, including a hedgehog who approaches pretend tea parties with the thespian seriousness of Daniel Day-Lewis. Ultimately, every "Toy Story" movie is not just about the film's plot or narrative, but the stories the characters want to be in when Andy plays with them. **A.H.**

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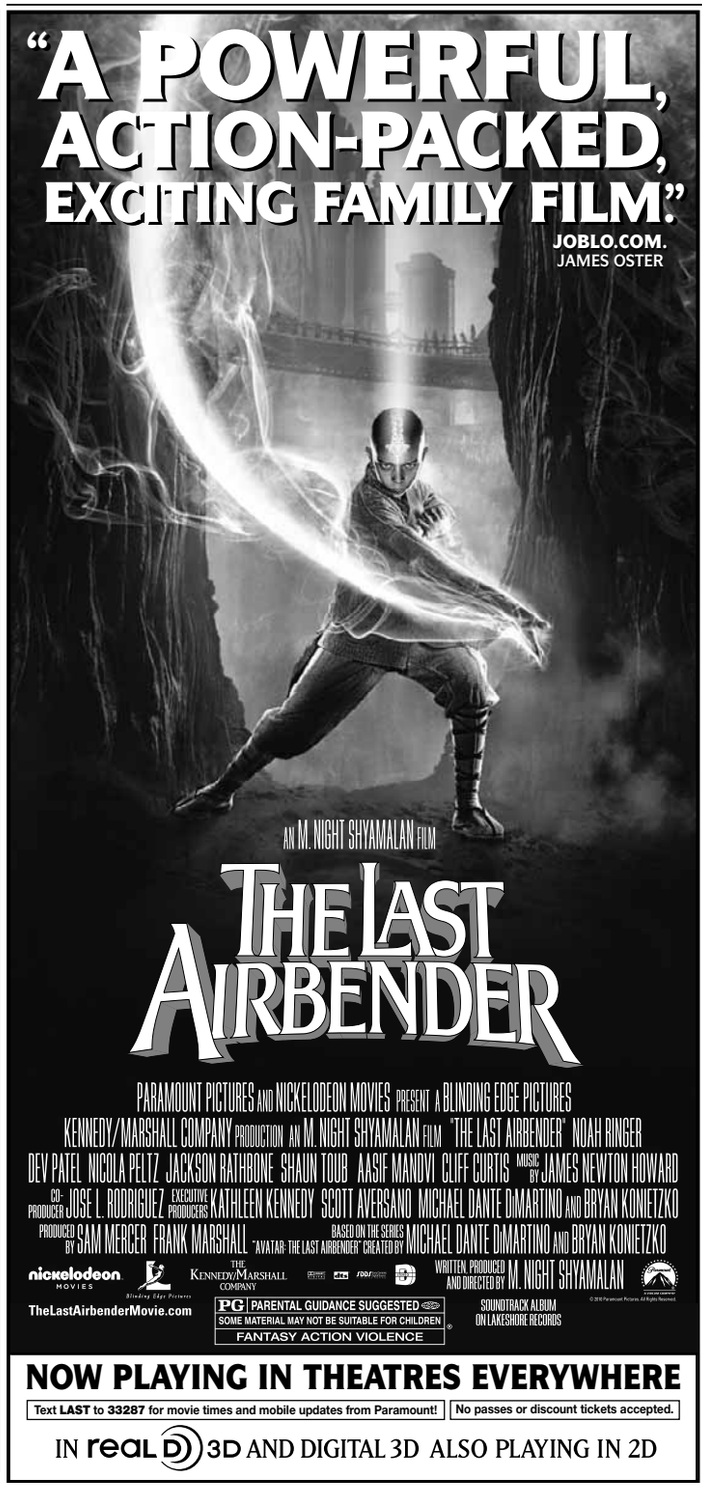

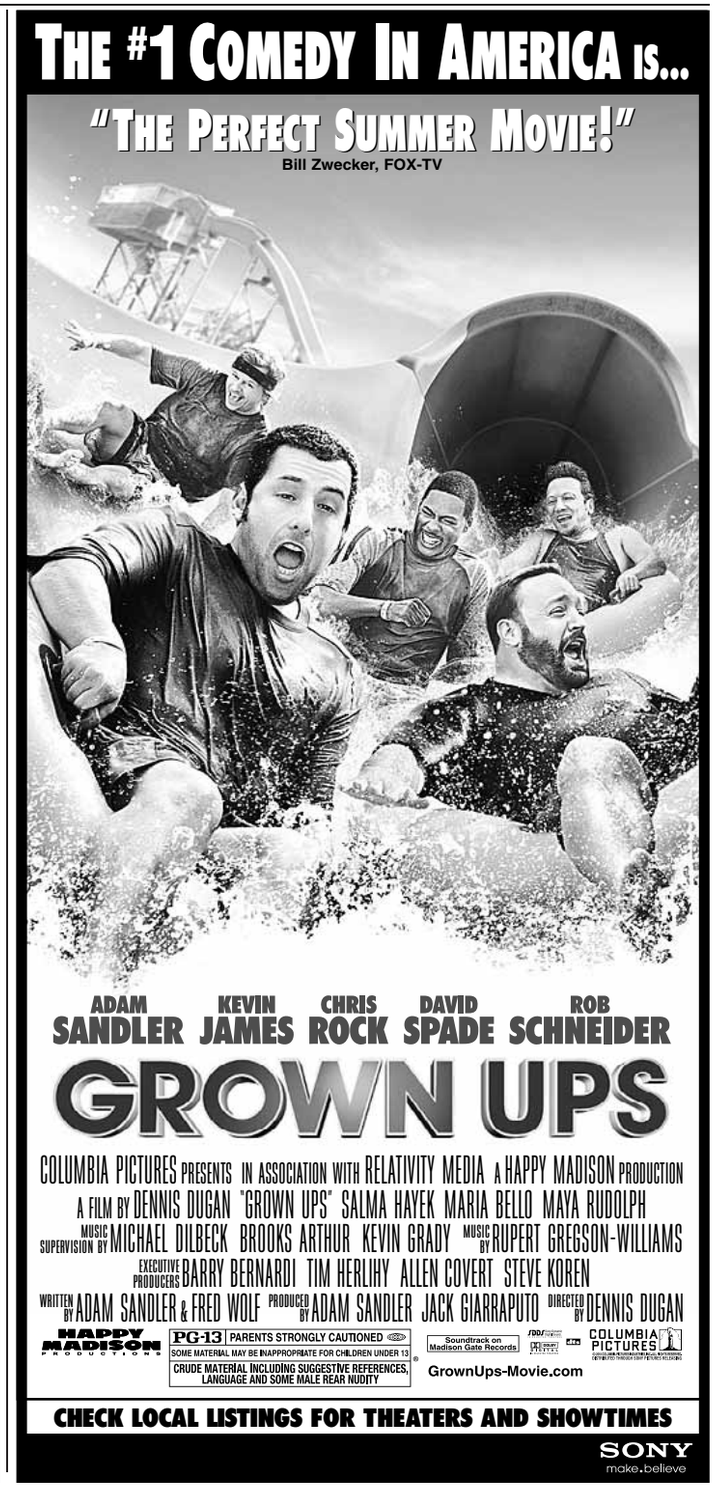

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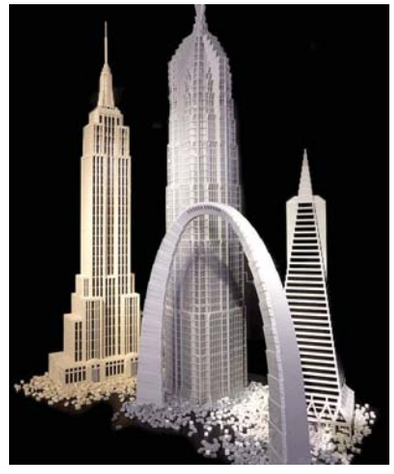
1 Capitol Gains

That lover of opposites who first said big things come in small packages hadn't yet heard of David Archuleta — but if he had, he'd point to the pint-size singer and say, "See?" Archuleta, who made his mark on "American Idol" in 2008, will take the stage at the Capitol on Sunday as part of "A Capitol Fourth," which will also feature performances by Reba McEntire and Gladys Knight. ***U.S. Capitol, West Lawn; Sun., 8-9:30 p.m., free; 202-225-6827, Pbs.org. (Capitol South)***

2 Summer Camp

On the last day of the long weekend, you just want to relax in a dark place where no one can see your horrific sunburn. Thus: the Black Cat, an unspecified but surely hipster-approved movie about summer and a special drink that's been dubbed "bug juice." Perfection. ***Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Mon., 9 p.m., free; 202-667-4490, Blackcatdc.com. (U St.-Cardozo)***



3 Block-Outs

Some kids who love Legos dream of growing up to be architects. But take your offspring to "LEGO Architecture: Towering Ambition" at the National Building Museum, and they'll just want to grow up to play with Legos some more. The exhibit consists of replicas of the world's most famous buildings, constructed lovingly out of those tiny plastic bits. ***National Building Museum, 401 F St. NW; through Sept. 5, $5; 202-272-2448, Nbm.org. (Judiciary Square)***

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I AM LOVE (R) (1:00, 4:00)7:00, 9:55
JOAN RIVERS: A PIECE OF WORK (R) (12:55, 3:10, 5:20)7:40, 9:50
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WINTER'S BONE (NR) (1:50, 4:30)7:15, 9:35

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A MATTER OF SIZE (NR) 2:00, 5:45, 8:15
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SEX AND THE CITY 2 (R) 10:10, 4:05, 9:55
GET HIM TO THE GREEK (R) 1:20, 7:20

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GET HIM TO THE GREEK (R) 12:05, 5:35, 10:45

Virginia

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TV weekend lookout

Best Bets

FRI 8:00

Friday Night Lights (NBC) Coach Taylor and Buddy try to make a park safer for the East Dillon players. Tami feels distant from her husband. Julie makes a new friend while volunteering.

SAT 8:00

Three Rivers (CBS) Andy puts Kuol at the top of the donor list for a new heart after his condition deteriorates, but the transplant is jeopardized as police threaten to seize the money that was raised for Kuol's surgery.

SUN 9:00

The Macy's 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular (NBC) Billed as the nation's largest display of pyrotechnics, the 34th annual eye-popping event features more than 40,000 shells in a spectacle lasting just under half an hour. Teenage heartthrob Justin Bieber, right, is among the entertainers scheduled to perform.

MON 8:00

The Secret Live of the American Teenager (FAM) Life imitates art, or something, when Bristol Palin, far left, guest-stars. Playing herself, Palin makes friends with Amy at a music camp for teen mothers.

(TRIBUNE MEDIA/UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

AMERICA CELEBRATES JULY 4TH AT FORD'S THEATRE

Star-Spangled Banter

REFLECTIONS PHOTOGRAPHY

FRI 9:00

President Obama and first lady Michelle Obama make an appearance during a curious holiday tradition on ABC — "America Celebrates July 4th at Ford's Theatre." The site of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln has for years been the venue for a variety show of comedy and song. Ty Burrell, who plays the clueless dad on "Modern Family," hosts. Performers include comedian George Lopez, Dick Van Dyke and Kelly Clarkson. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Contest

Extreme Eats

The Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog Eating Contest 12 p.m., Sun., ESPN) in Coney Island, N.Y., used to be Takeru Kobayashi's domain. The Japanese champ known as "Tsunami" won the event from 2001 to 2006. But that was before American Joey Chestnut overthrew him in 2007. Last year, Chestnut set a new world record by eating 68 hot dogs and buns in 10 minutes. Who will win this year? (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

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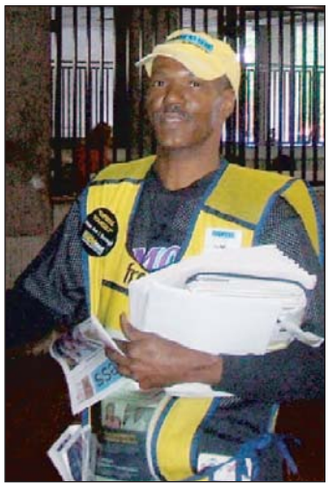

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Today's Question

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Yesterday's Results

SHOULD ARLINGTON CEMETERY BE FULLY SURVEYED FOR MORE BURIAL ERRORS?

"My grandfather is at Arlington. Frankly, I do not look forward to one day getting a phone call about his whereabouts. He served, he died, and I'm proud. I'd like to leave it at that."

COMMENTER SMARTER GUY

"I hope that after a comprehensive survey we find that there were really only a few accidentally misplaced/mismarked remains."

COMMENTER STEVE

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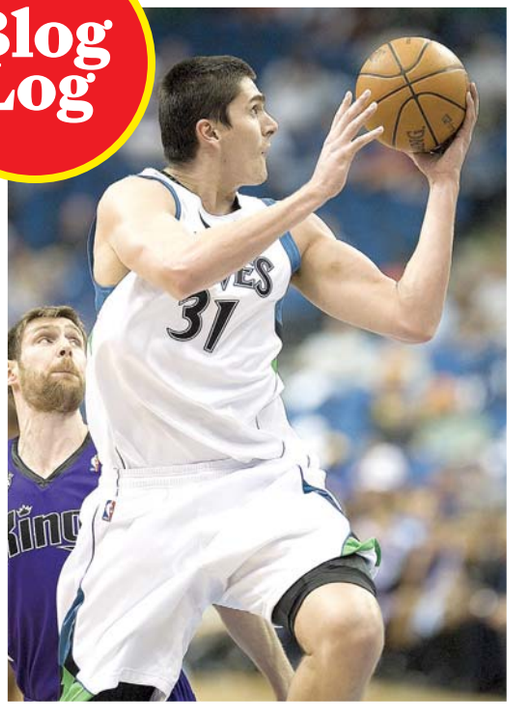
Blog Log

"Rather radically changing Wonder Woman's costume is perhaps the best thing DC Comics has done for the character this century. At least it is if the goal was to get people talking about Wonder Woman again."

— **BLOG.NEWSARAMA.COM** THINKS THE COMIC CREATOR'S UPDATE ON THE FAMOUS CHARACTER, PUBLICITY STUNT OR NOT, WAS EFFECTIVE.



"Darko? I think their GM looked at the draft that produced Wade and Bosh, and said, 'Wait a second; Darko was picked ahead of those guys and he's available? Let's lock him up.' But it's really the Wolves GM who should be locked up."

— **MATT LITTMAN** AT HUFFINGTONPOST.COM WAS STUNNED TO HEAR THE MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES SIGNED THE 2003 NBA DRAFT'S SECOND OVERALL PICK TO A FOUR-YEAR, $20 MILLION DEAL.

"Christopher Hitchens can be smart, acerbic, funny, mean, insightful and thick. He defends Western civilization while, via his outspoken atheism, semantically chipping away at the Christian pillars that support it."

— **CREATIVEMINORITYREPORT.COM,** A CHRISTIAN BLOG, DOES NOT WISH ILL WILL ON THE AUTHOR RECENTLY STRICKEN WITH CANCER.

"THE MICROSOFT KIN, a clunky smartphone with a passion for social networking, passed away peacefully Wednesday afternoon following a two-month battle with crappiness."

— **HOLYKAW.ALLTOP.COM** WILL NOT MISS THE MICROSOFT PHONE, WHICH THE COMPANY PULLED THE PLUG ON WEDNESDAY, ADDING, "THE KIN IS SURVIVED BY ITS FAMILY OF OTHER UNHIP PHONES, INCLUDING THE WINDOWS PHONE 7."

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Horoscope

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You can expect the whole shebang to change significantly tomorrow — in ways that you and others can work with. Anticipation is high.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You will want some answers, and you can have them, provided you don't make anyone defensive by the way you ask the questions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Someone close you to can provide just the information you need — and he or she may not even know it. Show your gratitude.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Now is the time to buckle down and work even harder than before — when you know that rewards are coming and you can maximize them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) After a recent slip-up, you can surely come through as you had before you made those minor errors. Others will be forgiving.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) What qualifies you as an expert? You may have a good answer, but you mustn't take it for granted.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Those around you will want to know what you have to offer when the going gets tough. It's time to prove you have what it takes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A combination of creative thinking and solid technique can see you through a difficult time. You can come out on top.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Someone you've been flirting with lately may try to heat things up a bit, but you're not in a position to continue this game, are you?

ARIES (March 21-April 19) What seems certain as the day begins may be uncertain later on — and vice versa. A last-minute lucky guess can save the day.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're used to having things a certain way, but you must be ready for a change — and not everything about it will displease you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The time has come to make your emotions known — whether at work or at home. You've been trying to overlook how you feel for too long.

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Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 150-160, BEST SCORE 213

A1	I1	O1	Y4	P3	N1	M3	2nd Letter Triple	RACK 1
O1	U1	T1	L1	C3	S1	D2		RACK 2
E1	O1	T1	L1	N1	S1	G2		RACK 3
A1	E1	U1	F4	C3	R1	S1	Double Word Score	RACK 4

Yesterday's Solution

L1	O1	U1	N1	G2	E1	R1	RACK 1 =	58
C3	O1	N1	G2	E1	A1	L1	RACK 2 =	61
P3	A1	R1	L1	O1	R1		RACK 3 =	8
H4	E1	N1	P3	E1	C3	K5	RACK 4 =	104
PAR SCORE 140-150							TOTAL	231

FOUR RACK TOTAL _____

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

DIFFICULT

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Yesterday's Solution

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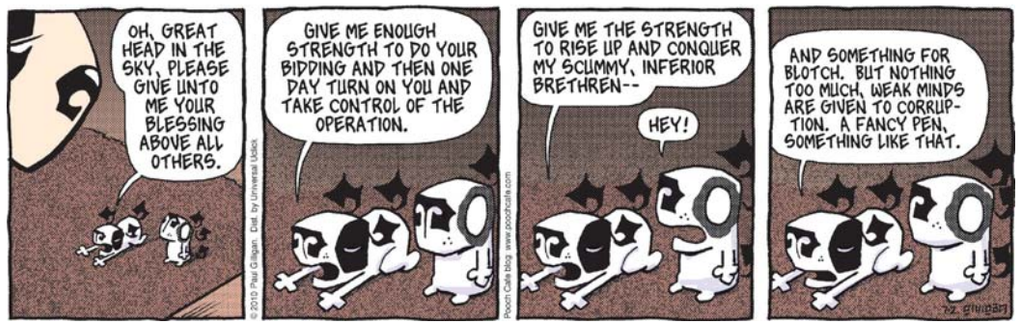

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | STEPHAN PASTIS

Forecast

82 | 63

Today: Sunny and nice today. Clear and pleasantly cool tonight.

87 | 69

Tomorrow: Sunny tomorrow; very warm in the afternoon. Clear tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

SUN	MON	TUE
93 | 73	97 | 73	98 | 73

Sun and Moon
Sunrise today: 5:47 a.m.
Sunset today: 8:37 p.m.
Moonrise today: 11:49 p.m.
Moonset today: 11:38 a.m.

Almanac
Normal high: 87
Record high: 102
Normal low: 69
Record low: 54

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Crossword

BASIC COUNT

ACROSS

1 "Please" to a Hamburger
6 Lane who was married to Xavier Cugat
10 Court action
14 Lend ___ (listen)
15 Group of two
16 Backside
17 1982 Francis Ford Coppola film
20 Sheet of matted cotton
21 "Miss Saigon" setting
22 Broke bread
23 Reply to "Should we?"
24 Mail a payment
28 Popular carpet type
30 Design style popular in the '20s and '30s
32 Elizabethan favorite Sir Walter
35 Use needle and thread
36 Film with Audrey Hepburn and Albert Finney
40 Color quality
41 Turning muscle
42 Groups of nine
45 Breakfast chef's creation
49 Iron or copper, e.g.
50 Beginning for "normal" or "legal"
52 "It's ___-win situation!"
53 Sills, Price and others
56 No ifs, ___ or buts
57 Ringling Brothers offering
61 Thieves' booty
62 Mid-month, to Caesar
63 Tractor man John
64 Farm females
65 Tuna-and-cheese sandwich
66 Appeases hunger

DOWN

1 Tree with a gourdlike fruit
2 From nature, not nurture
3 Be unsteady
4 Heaviest U.S. president
5 Commit a faux pas
6 Let through the turnstile
7 Computer-storage units
8 Currency of Thailand
9 First family's residence
10 Aspiring doc's program
11 Pasture
12 Musical aptitude, of a sort
13 Museum display
18 Feudal system big shot
19 Male red deer
23 Turn over a new ___
25 City in Arizona
26 Chilled, in a way
27 Pull to the garage
29 Sib for a sis
30 Turkish title of respect (var.)
31 Pretentious speech
33 Winged Greek god with a bow
34 "The Addams Family" cousin
36 Adjust the piano
37 Departed
38 "Arrivederci ___"
39 Mine find
40 Dress bottom
43 Studio supports
44 Skin-soothing ingredient
46 Surgical knife
47 Stand the test of time
48 Coin flips
50 Comic strip segment
51 Feeling of anxiety
54 Proper's partner
55 Busch Gardens attraction
56 Geometric product
57 Everyday article
58 "Hee ___"
59 Regret
60 Selects from a photo lineup

Yesterday's Solution

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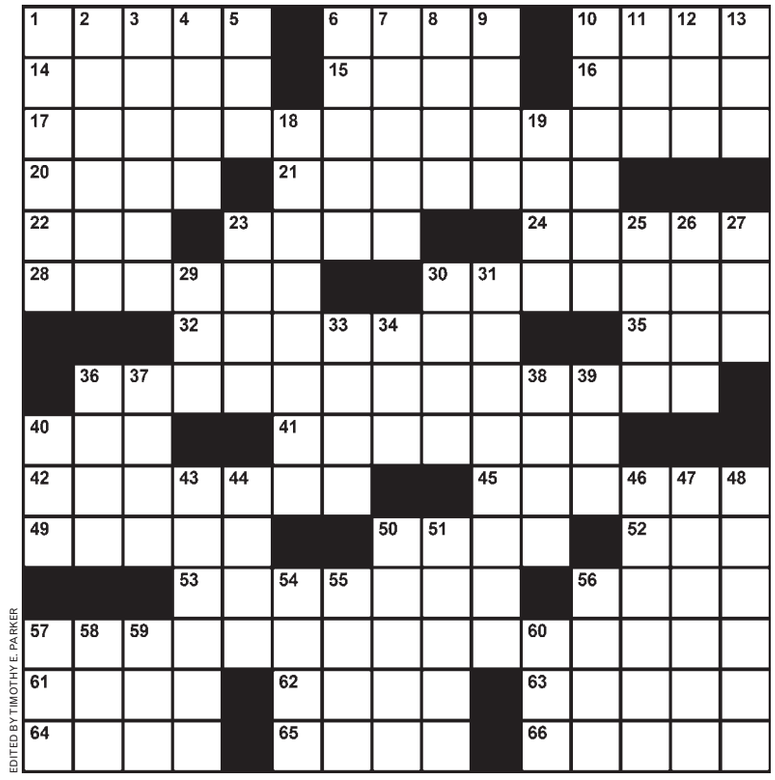

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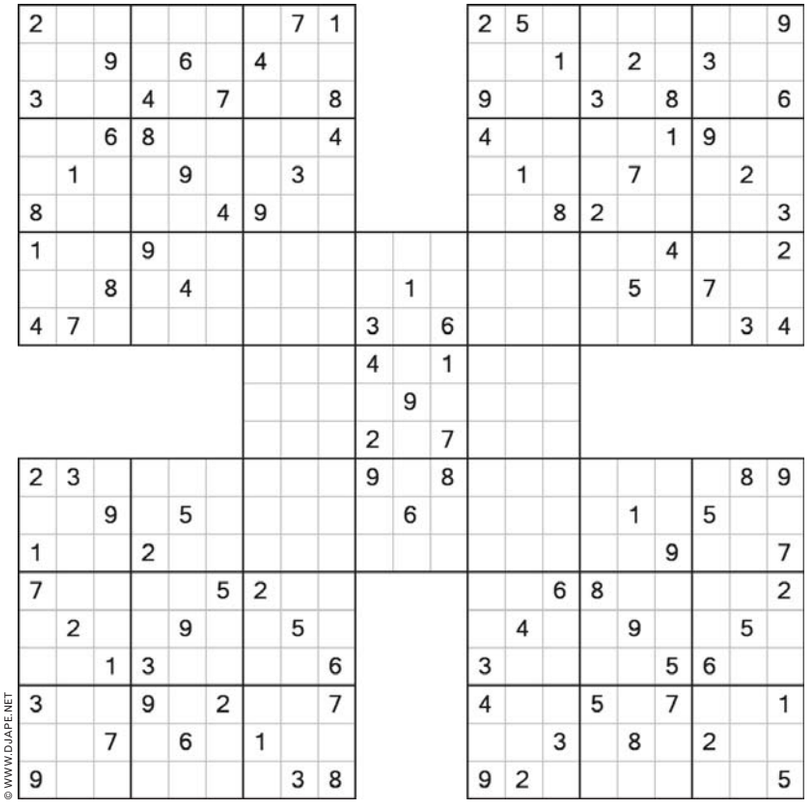
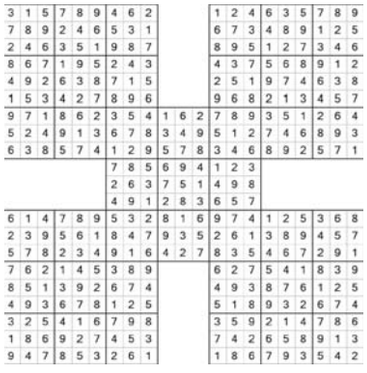
Samurai Sudoku

DIFFICULT

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.



Last Week's Solution



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Today in History

1776 The Continental Congress passes a resolution saying that "these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States."

1937 Aviator Amelia Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan disappear over the Pacific Ocean while attempting to make the first round-the-world flight along the equator.

2005 Venus Williams beats top-ranked Lindsay Davenport at Wimbledon 4-6, 7-6 (4), 9-7 for her fifth major title and her first in nearly four years.

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Was This Caught on Tape? Just Asking ...

Dean McDermott, husband of Tori Spelling, is being treated for a punctured and collapsed lung after a motorcycle accident. A rep says McDermott will remain in intensive care "for a few more days" but is expected to make a full recovery. McDermott and Spelling star in "Tori & Dean: Home Sweet Hollywood." **(AP)**

CLARITY

So That's Why He Was Slicing Onions Offstage!

Chris Brown's crying at the BET Awards on Sunday was fake, an unnamed source told Usmagazine.com, claiming that a bodyguard gave Brown tear-inducing eye drops before he took the stage for "Man in the Mirror." "He rubbed it in, and he started crying," said the source. Brown's rep denied the faux weeping. **(EXPRESS)**

SERIOUS

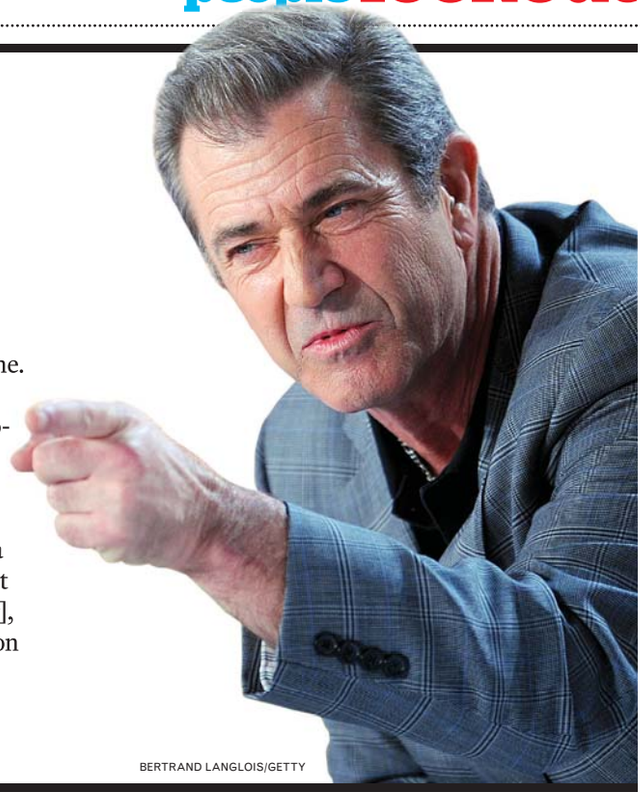
Authorities Investigate Claims Spears Hurt Sons

Social workers visited Britney Spears' home recently after allegations from a former bodyguard that she abused sons Sean and Jayden, according to Radaronline.com. The Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services also investigated Spears in 2007 after another ex-bodyguard reported drug use. **(EXPRESS)**

HOLY CRAP

NOAA Names Hate-Speech Typhoon 'Mel'

A recording obtained by Radaronline.com is purported to be of Mel Gibson making shockingly profane, violent and racist remarks toward then-girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva. In one instance, he disparaged her appearance, saying, "You look like a [expletive] pig in heat, and if you get raped by a pack of [really racial slur], it will be your fault." A rep for Gibson refused to comment. (EXPRESS)



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"I look out there at a thousand people, and I realize they could rush me and assassinate me."

—**KRISTEN STEWART** OVERREACTS TO RED CARPET CROWDS, AS PER NORM.

Dirtbag Digest

Abs Are Deceiving! Jake Pavelka will not be posing for Playgirl, a rep firmly told Usmagazine.com. The magazine offered the "Bachelor" star a pictorial, noting "it's obvious that he likes the limelight, and [we] intuit that he looks good naked." (EXPRESS)

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